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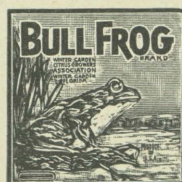
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Moorehead Is Elected Sheriff's Group Head

Gordon Moorehead, Ocala, has been elected president of the Florida Sheriffs' Association.

Other new officers are: Howard Mayes, Pensacola, first vice president; J. P. Ramsey, Gainesville, second vice president; B. D. Pearson, Sarasota, secretary; Frank Stoutamire, Tallahassee, treasurer; Warren E. Van Loon, Miami, field secretary.

James Black of Orlando, was elected a director, succeeding Moorehead.

ST. PETERSBURG HAVING BOOM IN REAL ESTATE

St. Petersburg reports that approximately \$40,000,000 worth of real estate changed hands in that city during 1943, the largest amount since 1926, final year of the boom.

BREAKERS GOES BACK

The Breakers Hotel, Palm Beach, famous as a society rendezvous, which has been serving as an army hospital has been returned to its owners.

FREE SEEDLINGS

Florida paper mills have joined in a National movement which will supply pine seedlings to farmers in order to replenish supplies of pulpwood.

MED-FLY CLAIM TO BE PAID, SAYS SOLON

Florida citrus growers will eventually win their claim for damages against the government in the Mediterranean fruit fly eradication campaign several years ago, according to Representative J. Hardin Peterson in a statement made at Winter Haven.

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The new Gadsden County live stock auction market at Quincy held its first sale January 14. The market is managed by Cortell Edwards.

URGES MORE GARDENS

Dr. F. S. Jamison, State experiment station horticulturist urges Florida victory gardeners to do more than ever in the spring of 1944, as foodstuffs will be scarce on the market.

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Transactions of Meeting of Florida State Road Department

HELD AT TALLAHASSEE JANUARY 24

The State Road Department of Florida held its Annual meeting at Tallahassee on January 24, 1944, with the following attendance:

Thos. A. Johnson, Chairman; Jack F. Townsend, James R. Stockton, O. G. Lindsey, C. Fred Ward, Members; H. H. Baskin, Secretary; L. A. Fraleigh, Jr., Asst. Secretary; J. H. Dowling, State Highway Engineer; L. K. Cannon, Asst. Highway Engineer; W. A. Kratzert, Maintenance Engineer; E. S. Fraser, Bridge Engineer; W. M. Parker, Div. Engr. of Research and Records; C. J. DeCamps, Div. Engr. of Right of Way; J. W. Allen, John R. Slade, H. H. McCallum, N. S. Emery, P. L. Hoskins, Division Engineers; R. J. Waterston, Jr., Auditor; T. M. Shackelford, Jr., Attorney; Pat Shannon, T. Paine Kelley, Assistant Attorneys.

Bids received Nov. 18

WO's 0451, 0646 & 1160 Rds. 6, 10, 152 & 115

Bids received Dec. 14

WO 0274 Rd. 13

Bids received Jan. 18

Sec. 6101 Job 105 Rd. 1

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Stockton, seconded by Mr. Ward, the minutes of the meeting held on December 9 were approved.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY

On motion of Mr. Townsend, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, the members voted unanimously for Thos. A. Johnson and H. H. Baskin to serve the Board as Chairman and Secretary, respectively, for the year 1944.

MEMBERS' EXPENSE ACCOUNTS

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Mr. Ward, the following members' expense accounts were approved and ordered paid:

Johnson, 11-27 to 12-5	\$ 61.43
Townsend, 6-6 to 11-16	212.73
Townsend, 4-28 to 5-2	13.65

Gulf, Bay & Walton Counties

Nassau County

Holmes County

Lindsey, 12-1 to 12-31	34.45
Ward, 12-1 to 1-1	54.92

APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS AWARDED

On motion of Mr. Townsend, seconded by Mr. Ward, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, pursuant to due advertisement, the Department did on certain dates as hereinafter indicated receive bids for the construction of certain projects, as hereinafter listed; and

WHEREAS, the firms hereinafter named were and are hereby declared to be the lowest responsible bidders therefor,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the action of the Chairman in awarding the contracts hereinafter listed be and the same is hereby approved, which said contracts are as follows:

Hardaway Contracting Co. \$107,653.14

R. H. H. Blackwell 30,550.24

R. H. H. Blackwell 121,373.80

APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENTS

On motion of Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, the following supplemental agreements were approved:

DA-WR-20(1) Rd. 22 Access
DA-WC-23(1) Rd. 64 Access
6005 & 5021 Rds. 5 and 22

Orange
Pinellas
Citrus

Brinson Constr. Co. \$140.33 Increase
L. J. & W. L. Cobb, Inc. 394.31 Increase
Brinson Const. Co. & J. L.
Cone and J. D. Manly 600.00 Increase

CANCELLATION OF SURETY BOND RAILWAY CROSSING PANAMA CITY SHIPBUILDING CORPORATION

On motion of Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company is hereby released and discharged from each and every of its obligations to the State Road Department under that certain surety bond executed by Panama City Shipbuilding Corporation, a Florida corporation with principal place of business at Panama City, Florida, as principal, and said United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company, as surety, to this Department, as obligee, dated the 17th day of April, A. D. 1942, in the just and full sum of \$500.00 lawful money of the United States, conditioned to secure the performance of a certain agreement dated the day of April, A. D. 1942, between the said Panama City Shipbuilding Corporation and this Department concerning the erection of railway crossing under and across 15th Street in the said City of Panama City, Florida, said crossing being located 580 feet east of Balboa Avenue on State Road No. 10-C, and said surety bond is hereby terminated and canceled; PROVIDED that nothing herein shall be taken or construed to mean that said agreement between said Panama City Shipbuilding Corporation or its successors, the J. A. Jones Construction Company, Incorporated, and this Department is in anywise impaired, modified or affected.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company is hereby released and discharged from each and every of its obligations to the State Road Department under that certain surety bond executed by Panama City Shipbuilding Corporation, a Florida corporation with principal place of business at Panama City, Florida, as principal, and said United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company, as surety, to this Department, as obligee, dated the 17th day of April, A. D. 1942, in the just and full sum of \$500.00 lawful money of the United States, conditioned to secure the performance of a certain agreement dated the day of April, A. D. 1942, between the said Panama City Shipbuilding Corporation and

this Department concerning the erection of railway crossing over and across relocation of U. S. Highway No. 98, said crossing located 3680 feet east of St. Andrews Bay Bridge in the said City of Panama City on State Road No. 10, and said surety bond is hereby terminated and canceled; PROVIDED, that nothing herein shall be taken or construed to mean that said agreement between said Panama City Shipbuilding Corporation or its successor, the J. A. Jones Construction Company, Incorporated, and this Department is in anywise impaired, modified or affected.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY—ROAD 537—PROJ. 4518—RIGHT OF WAY

On motion of Mr. Stockton, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, pursuant to due authorization, the State Highway Engineer has had a section of State Road No. 537, in Escambia County, located and surveyed and has designated the same as Project 4518 (5350) and has prepared a right of way map of said project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the State Road Department that it hereby approves the location and survey of said project and directs that a copy of said right of way map of such location and survey certified to by the Secretary and the Chairman of the Department, be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the judgment of the department that the construction of said project is necessary, practical and to the best interest of the State, and that it is necessary that the right of way for the roadbed, ditches, and borrow pits for said project be acquired;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Department that said County be, and it is hereby requested and authorized, in its name, by its Commissioners, to secure by gift or condemnation, the lands necessary for the right of way for the roadbed for said project as shown on said map or plat, together with any and all easements for drainage ditches and borrow pits that may hereafter be found and determined necessary in the construction and maintenance of said project, and to convey the same to this Department; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event

the County agrees to secure the right of way for the roadbed, ditches and borrow pits for said project, that the Chairman and the Secretary of the Department are hereby authorized to execute for the Department the usual right of way contract with the County.

CLAY COUNTY—ROAD 3—PROJECT 4514—RIGHT OF WAY

On motion of Mr. Stockton, seconded by Mr. Ward, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, pursuant to due authorization, the State Highway Engineer has had a section of State Road No. 3 in Clay County, located and surveyed and has designated the same as Project 4514 (659) and has prepared a right of way map of said project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the State Road Department that it hereby approves the location and survey of said project and directs that a copy of said right of way map of such location and survey certified to by the Secretary and the Chairman of the Department, be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County;

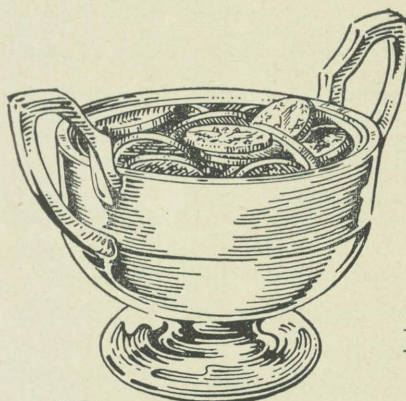
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the judgment of the Department that the construction of said project is necessary, practical and to the best interest of the State, and that it is necessary that the right of way for the roadbed, ditches, and borrow pits for said project be acquired;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Department that said County be, and it is hereby requested and authorized, in its name, by its Commissioners, to secure by gift or condemnation, the lands necessary for the right of way for the roadbed for said project as shown on said map or plat, together with any and all easements for drainage ditches and borrow pits that may hereafter be found and determined necessary in the construction and maintenance of said project, and to convey the same to this Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the County agrees to secure the right of way for the roadbed, ditches and borrow pits for said project, that the Chairman and the Secretary of the Department are hereby

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A GRO-INDUSTRIAL **GOLD** *in Florida's Sugar-Bowl*



LIMITLESS agricultural wealth fills Florida's vast Everglades sugar-bowl to overflowing . . . and there are also agro-industrial opportunities so brilliant that Florida may become a greater, richer manufacturing state than any Floridian has yet dared imagine.

Development of these opportunities is under way . . . slowed down by war but moving ahead nevertheless toward a dazzling, prosperous and not too distant tomorrow.



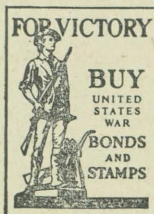
Insignificant in comparison with the immense possibilities of the future but typical of the many finished agro-industrial products, that will one day be manufactured in the Everglades is the United States Sugar Corporation's recently developed Lemongrass Pulp and Molasses Feed for cattle.

This new feed is wholly a product of the Everglades. It is important to every Floridian because it reduces the cost of feeding beef and dairy cattle and encourages further growth of Florida's already important cattle industry.

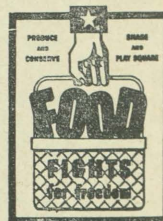


Thus, step by step, are the unbelievable riches of the Everglades being converted for use. And each advance, however small, contributes to the present and future prosperity of all Floridians.

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EDITORIALS

BACK THE ATTACK

FLORIDA SHOULD have little trouble meeting its quota in the Fourth War Bond campaign, according to reports of increased incomes and increased retail sales throughout the State.

Retail sales in Florida in 1943 were 26 percent higher than those of 1942 and 55 percent higher than those of 1939.

If the people of Florida were able to make these increases in purchases for themselves, they surely can make investments in war bonds to put the State over the top in the campaign. Buyers of war bonds make no sacrifice. Their's is the opportunity to tuck away a little money now for use later at the rate of 4 for 3. It's the man at the front, who is making the sacrifices, and even he is buying bonds out of his \$50 a month at a rate which should make the high-salary-drawing civilian defense worker blush with shame.

Back the attack with war bonds—today!

A GREAT JOB

FLORIDA HIGHWAYS wants to call attention this month to the article by Mr. Harold Colee, executive vice president of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce in which he gives a "report to the State" on the activities of his organization during the past year and makes recommendations in regard to what he thinks should be primary objectives of citizens of the State looking to the post-war period. Read it.

In common with most of us, Mr. Colee states that the very first objective of all at this time is the winning of the war. We believe his organization has done an excellent job along this line in the assistance it has given to war industries and war activities in Florida, which is among the leading States of the Nation in the war effort, whether it be building of ships and munitions, training of soldiers and sailors, or the purchase of war bonds.

Again like the most of us, Mr. Colee is so sure of victory that he is seriously concerned with what is to be done in Florida during the period of transition from a wartime to a peacetime basis. And that should be the most important concern of everyone.

While specific measures are still formative, Mr. Colee points out that the State chamber, the State Planning Board, the Florida Economic Advancement Council, the Florida delegation in congress and State officials headed by Governor Spessard L. Holland are working in perfect accord to bring every point to bear on the promotion of prosperity when the boys come home. First among these measures, of course, is the provision of jobs for men released from the service. As most Florida concerns, and all governmental offices, have pledged themselves to return men to their jobs following the war, Florida's list of unemployed may not be as large as that of other States. The cushion of several millions of dollars in the

hands of the Florida Industrial Commission also will help to alleviate unemployment conditions following the war.

We take this to mean that Mr. Colee does not want to see another WPA with its leaf rakers, ditch diggers, brush gatherers, paper pickers, tree trimmers and whatnot spending hours, days, weeks and months doing something for which there is nothing to show. And that goes for the rest of us.

Mr. Colee doesn't see anything easy in the post-war problems' solutions. He sees a lot of hard work, a lot of hard reasoning, a lot of hard thinking, a lot of hard managing, a lot of hard promotion of ideas for creating work which will be of lasting benefit to the State and Nation. And Florida men are now at work in developing just such projects under direction of divisions of the State chamber and the other agencies which have been set up to work out, in advance, a program which will do away with needless effort, wasted money and lack of objectivity.

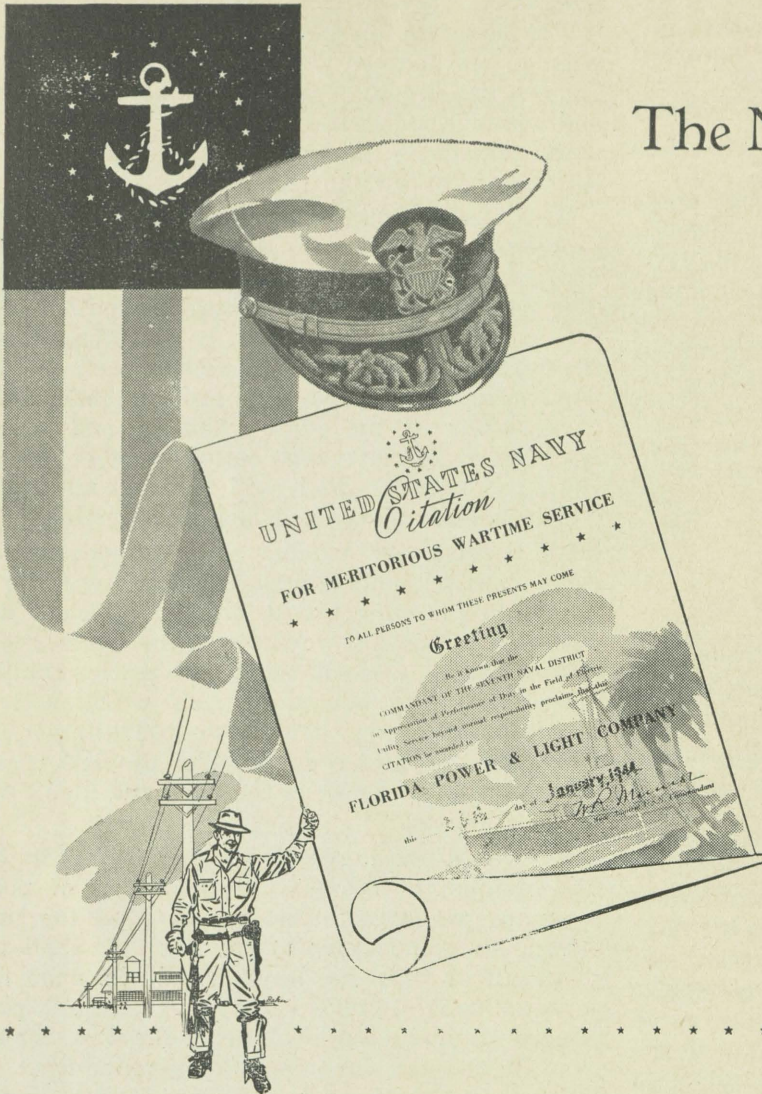
While the State chamber, with its penetration into every industrial and commercial activity in the State, the State Planning Board, with its efficient dealing with needed public works, and the State Economic Advancement Council, with its proven ability to place its energy behind projects which will be of general and lasting benefit, are definitely qualified to handle the post-war planning problem, they are entitled to the support of the rank and file of citizens in their efforts.

We would like to see newspapers of the State open up columns for readers for discussion of post-war planning problems. This would give the average citizen an opportunity to say his "ten-cents-worth" in behalf of what he thinks should be done to preserve industries, prevent unemployment and promote prosperity in the State following the war. Sometimes good ideas come from humble surroundings. Sometimes the average man's eye view is quite important when his future welfare is concerned. This is not said to imply that what is being done by the State chamber and other institutions and agencies is not necessary and important. But if the general public could be taken in on the advance plans it will be more intensely interested in the way they are worked out and more satisfied in their development.

We have great confidence in the results that will be obtained from the present study of post-war problems. This confidence is greatly encouraged by one statement in Mr. Colee's report:

"A State is not made prosperous by the consciousnessless exploitation of its human and material resources. On the contrary, it must husband the sources of its income, while employing them wisely, and it must not only prevent its workers from being mercilessly exploited but must safeguard their well-being. This is a social-minded age, and full recognition given this fact will better enable us to meet the post-war challenge."

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Tax collections on real estate were the highest in history, according to State Comptroller James M. Lee. Out of an approximate State-wide levy of \$20,000,000 there was a total of only \$216,992 in delinquencies. That is as it should be and might well have been the continuing history of Florida tax collections had there been a fixed determination by State and local officials to make 100 percent evaluations and compel payments. Year after year, especially in the weakling period of the Futch and Murphy acts, we were told that the collection machinery had broken down. It took Governor Holland to demonstrate that there was nothing the matter with the machinery. It simply was not used.—Miami Herald.

Governor Holland Agrees

Governor Holland, in a statement at Miami Friday, said that he might call a special session of the legislature to repeal the cigarette tax; that the tax was recommended by him and levied by the legislature because of the expected slump in race track revenues, due to the ban on pleasure driving; that the tax had produced revenue far beyond its estimated yield, and would bring in \$5,000,000 instead of the estimated \$3,500,000; that, at the same time, the race track revenue was coming in at an entirely unexpected rate and that, with pari-mutuel play far ahead of previous years, there would be no slump in the racing fund—therefore it appears that there will be no need of the cigarette tax money and the tax can be repealed.

That's almost, word for word, the statement we made in an editorial of December 27, in which we suggested that the governor might feel called upon to apologize to the cigarette smokers of the State; that, while he acted according to the then existing situation in recommending the tax, the situation has so changed that the tax isn't necessary, and the State will find itself with surplus revenue, which cannot be legally used for any other purpose than old age pensions and relief for small counties without an act of the legislature.

We are glad to note that Governor Holland is in full accord with our statement of the situation and that he feels that it may become his duty, if this situation continues, to ask for a repeal of the cigarette tax, even if it is necessary to call a special session for that purpose.

The governor is surprised, and the

people of the State are surprised, to find the racing revenue pouring in at a greater rate than in normal years, regardless of the gasoline and tire shortage and the objections to pleasure driving. Somehow the people are getting to the race tracks in greater numbers and they are betting more money than ever before, so that the State's eight percent of the total pari-mutuel play will be up to if not in excess of previous records. When the cigarette tax was enacted, the need of increased revenue was pressing, because of a \$2,000,000 deficit in the old age pension fund and a \$1,500,000 deficit in the county relief fund. Now that deficit is being rapidly wiped out by the racing revenue and the State finds itself with a surplus fund in sight of not only the \$3,500,000 to meet the deficit the cigarette tax was estimated to produce, but at least \$1,500,000 more than that.

The cigarette tax ought to be repealed and some good use made of the \$5,000,000 surplus fund it is paying into the State treasury.—Tampa Morning Tribune.

Florida Has Nest Egg For Rainy Days

Governor Holland's repeated statements that he will not run for any other political office at least until after he has completed his full term as Florida's chief executive gives added assurance the State's affairs will be kept in excellent condition during 1944, which may be the hardest of the war years.

In fact, the governor, in outlining the State's financial condition and outlook this week, showed clearly that the people can expect real post-war benefits from his program of the last three years which will be carried out in the new year.

He pointed out that States without post-war plans well advanced "are going to be left behind" when the firing is ended, and added that Florida has reached a well-advanced point, compared to many other States, in its program for future stability.

The unemployment compensation fund totals \$32 million for payment of benefits to jobless men and women; the State Road Department has a working balance of about \$2 million in reserve to be spent on State-wide construction along with current post-war receipts; \$3 million is credited to the counties for future road building; and the general revenue fund is well in the black, the governor said.

That \$38 million plus total is only a drop in the bucket when it is considered along with huge Federal spending, but for Florida it may represent

the difference between fearful conditions of unemployment and good cushioning of the economic jolt to come after the war. During next year the fund will grow.

The people should be proud that their State has kept its head and set aside a rainy-day. In considering how it has been done, they should remember that it has come, not by wild deficit spending in which the Federal government has been engaged for 10 years, but by carefully balancing income with outgo with a little put aside for the inevitable "bad days."

"We can't expect handouts from the Federal government," the governor said, "because it is going to be mainly occupied with rehabilitating other nations and putting into effect public works projects designed to aid heavy industry. There is going to be plenty of slack."

The State has been fortunate that Spessard Holland has been in the governor's mansion during hectic war years, and it ought to begin thinking now of the right man to succeed him in January 1945, and carry on the sound general program for which he paved the way.—Tampa Daily Times.

Investing Surplus Revenue

Attention is being directed to the fact that the State will receive a very considerable revenue this year from the tax on betting at the race tracks.

Last year, because of the gasoline and tire shortage—tourist shortage, too—the race tracks didn't operate. But this year the big racing plants in the Miami area are going full blast, with overflow crowds, despite scarcity of tires and gasoline.

It will be remembered that with racing revenue apparently out of the picture, Governor Holland suggested the enactment of a cigarette tax to make up what the State pays into county treasuries from the race track tax, and to care for old age pension needs.

This cigarette tax, estimated at \$3,500,000 will actually produce around \$5,000,000 this year. Thus it will be seen, that the State will have a surplus for old age pensions and the counties will probably get their \$30,000 from the race tracks without having to dip into the cigarette tax.

There is always danger in having a surplus in the State treasury, if wise provision isn't made for its expenditure—or investment. Florida should invest this "extra" money, not spend it unwisely.

Every legislator going to Tallahassee
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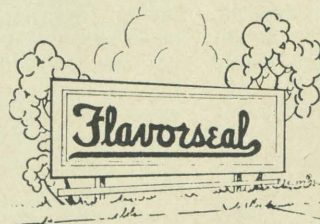
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By **ALLEN MORRIS**
Tallahassee Special Correspondent
Author of **CRACKER POLITICS**

SPESSARD LINDSEY HOLLAND, once the best fence-walker and tree-climber of the kids in his block, has entered the fourth year at the Capitol with the acclaim of Floridians generally for dexterity in managing a war-girt State.

The achievements of State government in the three years since Governor Holland swore the oath of faithful performance have caused many a Floridian to revise his belief that most jobholders are bad, with the good either dead or out of office.

As "flesh and blood people in a flesh and blood world," Spessard and Mary Holland have made average Floridians aware of the existence of the executive mansion as the dwelling place of very human beings.

By the easy manner in which she has met the powerful and the anxious way in which she has looked after the lowly, Mary Holland has endeared not only herself but her husband to a citizenry ever critical of first ladies.

Spessard Holland stands as erect and spare today as he did when the Distinguished Service Cross was bestowed upon him for valor as a flying observer with the AEF in France during World War I. His namesake son has gone to war as a fighting marine.

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MUCH CAN BE learned from the comic strips about effective school use of pictures, the State Department of Education says.

Skill developed by children from the "funnies" in reading a series of pictures can be turned to classroom advantage by teachers, too.

The department, in a bulletin edited by Dr. W. T. Edwards, director of curriculum voices this warning in guiding teachers in the school use of educational photographs:

"Those teachers who have watched boys and girls pore over the comic strips, studying each picture with what seems to be an insatiable interest, can understand that teaching with pictures should not be a fleeting parade of scores of pictures in a single class period."

In the four pictures that make up the daily strip, points out the bulletin, the artist manages to convey the sense of movement and interaction that constitute a self-contained episode in the life of the characters.

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INSURANCE PREMIUMS paid annually in Florida have increased in 10 years from \$34,309,228.51 to \$79,598,378.58.

The decade's 232 percent jump, representing unbroken year-to-year prog-

ress upward, was disclosed by State Treasurer J. Edwin Larson who serves also as insurance commissioner.

Larson attributed the "phenomenal" increase to correspondingly better business conditions in the State.

Net losses paid in the fiscal year 1933 totaled \$15,414,741.72 and in the year on which Commissioner Larson just has closed his books totaled \$25,025,191.33.

Premiums on life insurance reflected the biggest dollar increase, from \$19,792,407.22 in 1933 to \$44,775,230.69, with claims jumping from \$7,920,953.96 to \$13,626,676.00.

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FLORIDA POSSESSES "certain natural advantages" in four of the nine industrial fields deemed most likely to boom in post-war America.

Housing, plastics, synthetic drugs and aviation logically could find their lodging place here, in the opinion of Royal Mattice, assistant professor of economics at Florida State College for Women.

Declaring "business men are in business to make money" Professor Mattice said capital was the most mobile of the factors of production.

"More 'risk money' than ever before will be available at the close of this war," said Professor Mattice, "and herein may lie Florida's opportunity not only to become an important industrial component part of the United States but also, in so doing, to serve as a catalyst in the development of the entire South."

Florida, in common with the rest of the South, he continued "has not received its proportionate share of war plants as such and the problems of conversion may not be of such great magnitude here as in some other States which are more industrial."

Industry by industry, Professor Mattice viewed Florida's post-war situation thus:

AGRICULTURE—According to Nathan Mayo, commissioner of agriculture, there are about 19,000,000 acres of land in Florida which could be cultivated. This is enough to create 190,000 farms of 100 acres each. Through the canning and food processing industries, jobs in transportation would be generated and the whole State greatly benefited through a more intensive use of this now idle land.

MINING—There are 19 mineral substances found in 45 of our 67 counties and the value of the products mined jumped from \$16,000,000 in 1940 to more than \$26,000,000 in 1942. The future of phosphate mining in Florida is closely bound up with the destiny of the so-called "natural fertilizers," in competition with the synthetic products which are being produced in in-

creasing quantities. If under mining we consider petroleum products as well, the recent developments would indicate that a substantial number of men will find employment in this industry.

CONSTRUCTION—At the present time there is a great unfulfilled demand for necessary repairs and certainly a potential demand for homes which should aid this industry appreciably in the long run. The tax advantages accruing to home owners (interest on mortgage payments being deductible from gross income as well as payments of real estate taxes in computing income tax) will loom larger as an additional incentive for owning homes rather than rent in the future.

MANUFACTURING—The phenomenal increase here during the past three years has been largely because of the shipbuilding activity. If this industry group is to provide many jobs it is thought that new manufactures will have to be secured. Food processing, aviation and plastics appear, at the moment as the most likely prospects.

TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, UTILITIES—The increase in population will serve to protect this industry group against decline. Again, since the expansion has been slight, the contraction is likely to be slight. The contemplated expansion of international air transportation will be an important factor in determining the number of workers who will be able to find employment in transportation, communications and utilities.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE—This industry group has not expanded its employment much either. The increase in the population will insure steady employment for workers in this group. But the wages here leave something to be desired, inasmuch as they are about 30 percent lower than average wages paid.

FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE—In all probability this group will show a vigorous increase in employment in the post-war period, although some of it likely will be agents without clients (as in real estate) and will amount to little more than disguised unemployment.

SERVICE—This industry group has been subject to serious seasonal fluctuations in employment (high first and fourth quarters of each calendar year). The opportunities in this group follow the general pattern of business activity in Florida.

CALLS WAR CONFERENCE FOR STATE EDUCATORS

Howell Watkins, president of the Florida Educational Association, has called a war conference of educators for Jacksonville March 7 and 8.

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Entrance to John and Mabel Ringling Museum of Art at Sarasota which has been given to the State of Florida. It was erected by the late circus king in 1928 and contains several hundred art treasures—paintings, tapestries and sculpture. Value of the Museum is estimated at from \$20,000,000 to \$40,000,000, a value which will be enhanced if many of the art treasures of Europe are destroyed or stolen during the war.

—Photo by BURNELL, Sarasota.

By DUDLEY HADDOCK

HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS of dollars in the form of Army and Naval establishments, shipyards and other defense activities that have flowed into Florida as a result of the war will disappear with the advent of peace because there will be no further need for them. But an asset owned by the people of Florida, which comparatively few of them have even seen, not only has increased enormously in value because of the conflict but its worth will remain at the current level after the war and will continue to increase as the years pass.

The John and Mabel Ringling Museum of Art at Sarasota, bequeathed to the State upon the death of John Ringling in 1929, never has been valued accurately because it is difficult to calculate the worth of a masterpiece of art.

PHOTOGRAPHER WHO TOOK THESE PICTURES WINS COVETED NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Earl Burnell, Sarasota photographer who made the Ringling Museum pictures for Florida Highways magazine recently was honored by the Photographers' Association of America with the title "Master Photographer."

There are less than 100 "Masters" in the United States and the honor to the Floridian is considered exceptional as most of such awards are given in the New York area where photographers are given opportunity to try out their talents in competition. Burnell recently submitted a portrait to the PAA magazine at its request as a model for other American photographers.

Today it may bring \$100,000 while \$250,000 may be exchanged for it a year hence. The museum and its contents has been valued variously at from \$17,000,000 to \$23,000,000. That was its estimated worth until Hitler went upon his rampage. Now, as the result of the destruction and pillage in Europe,

with the consequent loss of priceless works of art, those versed in such things fix its value at somewhere between \$30,000,000 and \$40,000,000. If they are correct, it means this one tangible possession of the people of Florida virtually has doubled in permanent worth as a result of the war.

John Ringling was a versatile man. While better known because of his association with the Ringling Brothers Circus he was for many years one of the country's largest individual owners of short-line railroads and oil-producing concerns. The circus and his other investments earned millions and over a period of thirty-five years, with the assistance of agents in Europe and elsewhere he amassed an art collection which, as late as 1940, was ranked in value as number two in the United States.

He did better than the average collector. Normally it is the custom first to build a museum, partly fill it with the collection of the builder, than add other masterpieces as they are accumulated. Ringling built the museum at Sarasota in 1928 as a memorial to his wife to house a collection already completed, with the consequence that each of the twenty-two rooms in the magnificent structure was designed with a view to the installation of specific works. Each room either enhances the works therein or the works themselves complement its distinctive architectural beauty. Columns and pilasters from European castles and palaces flank the entrance to each gallery, and rare marbles appear where they are most effective. It is little wonder that many of the hundreds of thousands of visitors have evinced as much interest in the construction of the museum as they have in its works of art.

Upon his death Ringling left the museum and its collection, and his palatial home nearby, to the State, with the provision that it should assume title to the properties only when the obligations of his estate were liquidated. This still is in progress, with indications that the State will gain control in the not distant future. The residue of the estate, in addition to the museum and home, also goes to the State not, as many assume, for maintenance and upkeep but to replenish the art treasures.

Still under control of the Ringling executors, the museum is open to the public but visitors are not admitted to the home, a replica of a Venetian palace and which, with its furnishings, is a museum



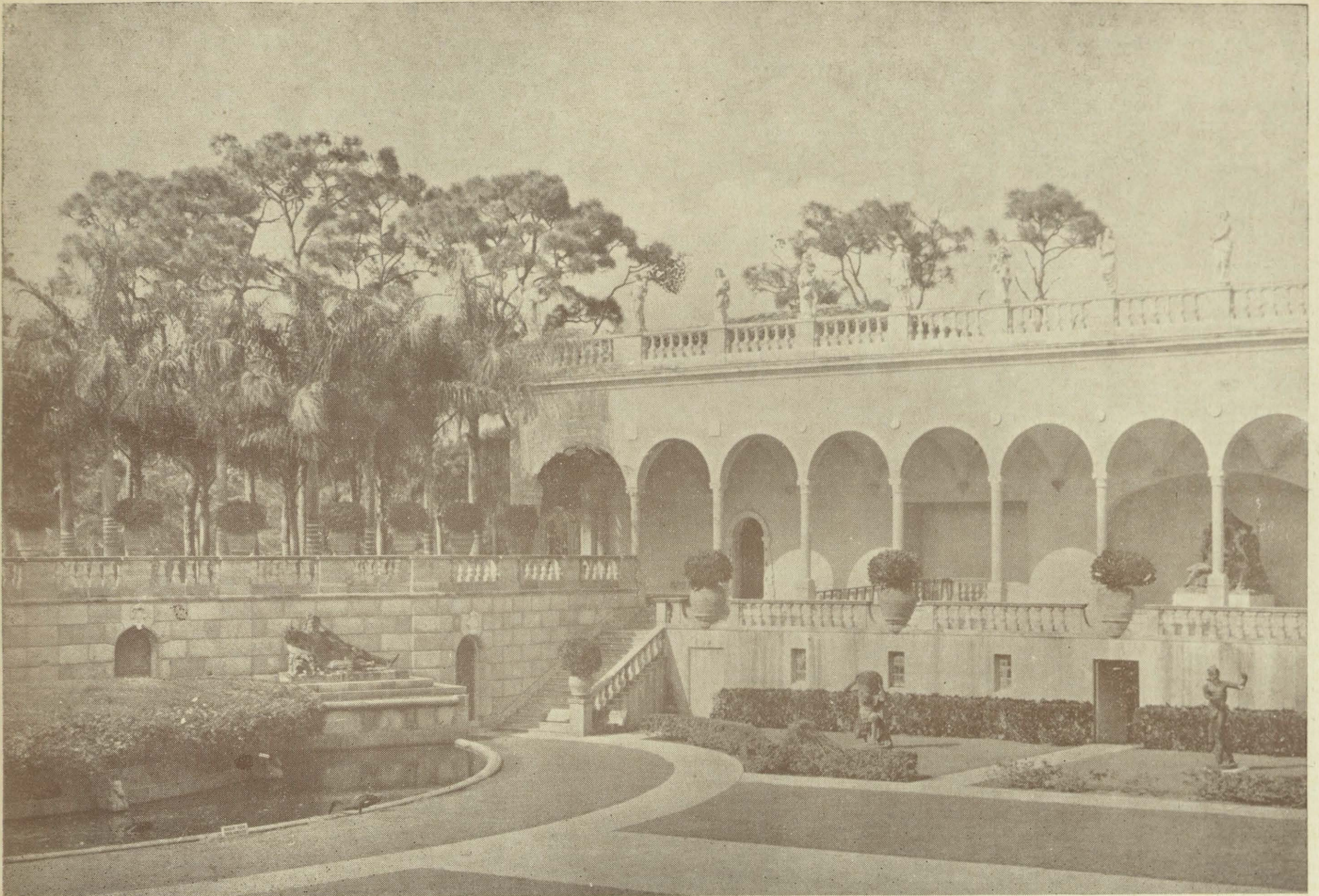
REPOSE IN EGYPT by Pavlo Veronese, showing Mary and Joseph with the Christ child after flight to Egypt. One of the most interesting of paintings in the Sarasota Museum. Many of these art treasures were purchased by Ringling on his visits to Europe and shipped to Florida from Genoa. They went to the State of Florida by will and were accepted by the State legislature on condition that the estate be turned over free of debt. The State is now settling up the affairs of the late circus magnate, a complicated matter as his holdings included railroads, ranches and other properties, in addition to the circus which now has permanent headquarters in Sarasota. The Ringling collection is valued as No. 2 in the United States.

—Photo by BURNELL, Sarasota.

in itself. The museum and home occupy a site on the shore of Sarasota Bay within the city limits of Sarasota and approximately four miles from the central business district.

The museum is an architectural gem. Built around three sides of a quadrangular court, with the open side facing the bay and screened from the water by a veritable forest of palms, the Italian Renaissance theme is carried out

in the most minute detail. One of its most interesting features is the colonnaded portico with its hundreds of antique columns which Ringling's agents gathered throughout Europe. Few are alike in girth or design and some are more than a thousand years old. Surmounting the museum and looking down upon the court are scores of antique statues collected in Europe, assembled at Genoa and brought to this country with the



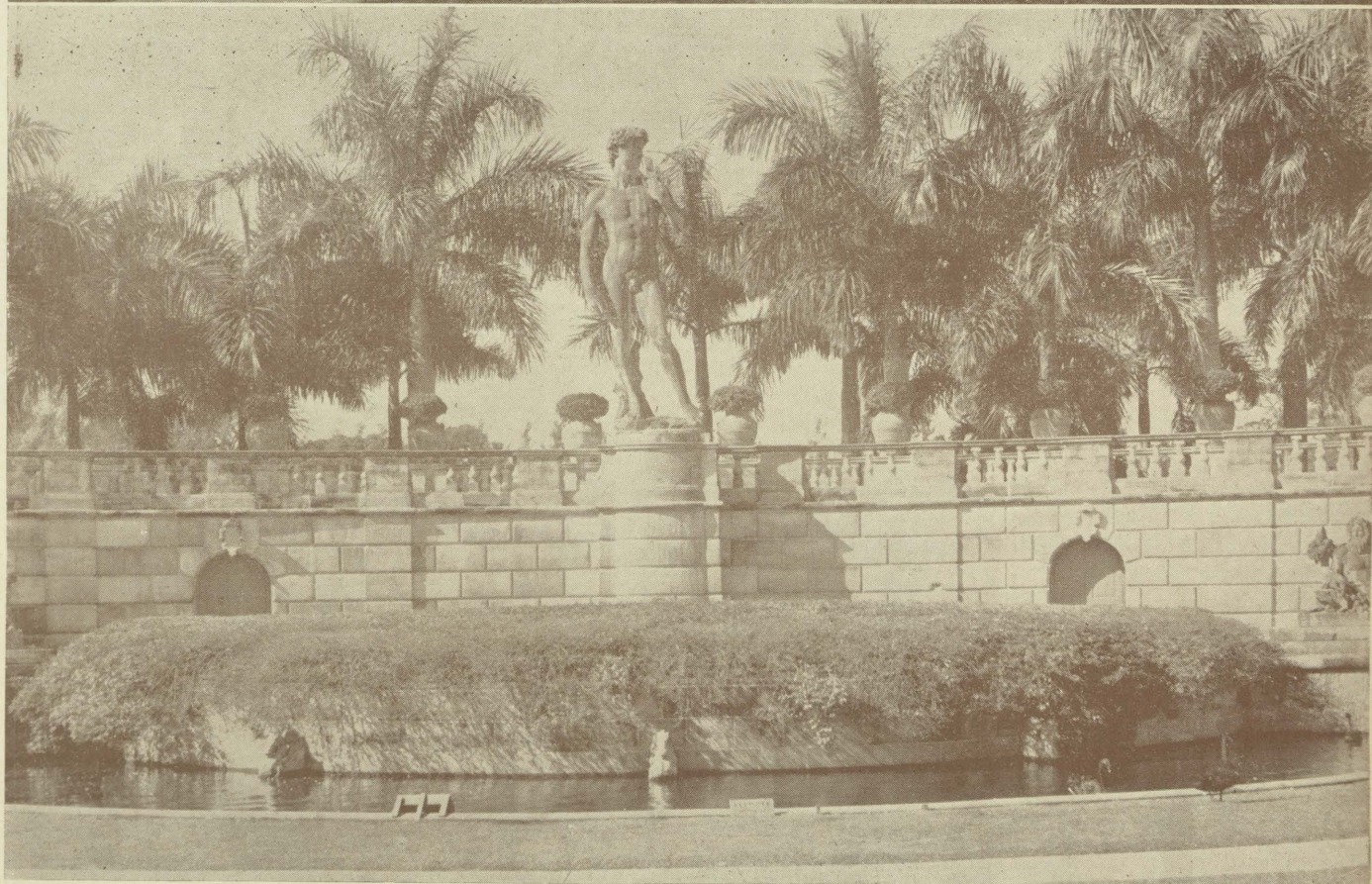
columns aboard a ship which Ringling chartered to move them to Port Tampa.

In the museum is represented virtually every important school and epoch here in the history of art from the Byzantine period to the end of the nineteenth century. In each of the rooms devoted to the particular schools portrayed are outstanding works of the period, the Spanish section, for example, being dominated by Murillo's world-famous Immaculate Conception and Annunciation of the Virgin.

Containing more than 700 originals the museum probably is best known among art lovers for its great collection of the works of



Top, corner of the court at the open side of the quadrangle showing some of the statuary gathered from the four corners of the world. At right, looking down the colonnaded portico of the Museum with its antique columns gathered throughout Europe, Africa and Asia. Few are alike in girth and design, some Doric, some Ionic, some Corinthian, most of them more than 1,000 years old. They were assembled at Genoa and shipped to Port Tampa in a ship chartered by Ringling.



Court of the John and Mabel Ringling Museum as seen from the open side of the quadrangle showing treatment of landscape preserving native Florida pines. The statues atop the wings are all ancient pieces gathered from temples and aged buildings in the Old World. There are more than 100 of them, from almost as many places in Europe. Below, the Michaelangelo colossal statue of DAVID. Michaelangelo (1475-1564) was an Italian painter, sculptor and architect. The David work was finished in 1504. He is best known for his famous fresco of "The Last Judgment" which he completed in 1541, after which he was chiefly employed in architecture. He was architect of St. Peters, said to be the most superb model of a Christian church.

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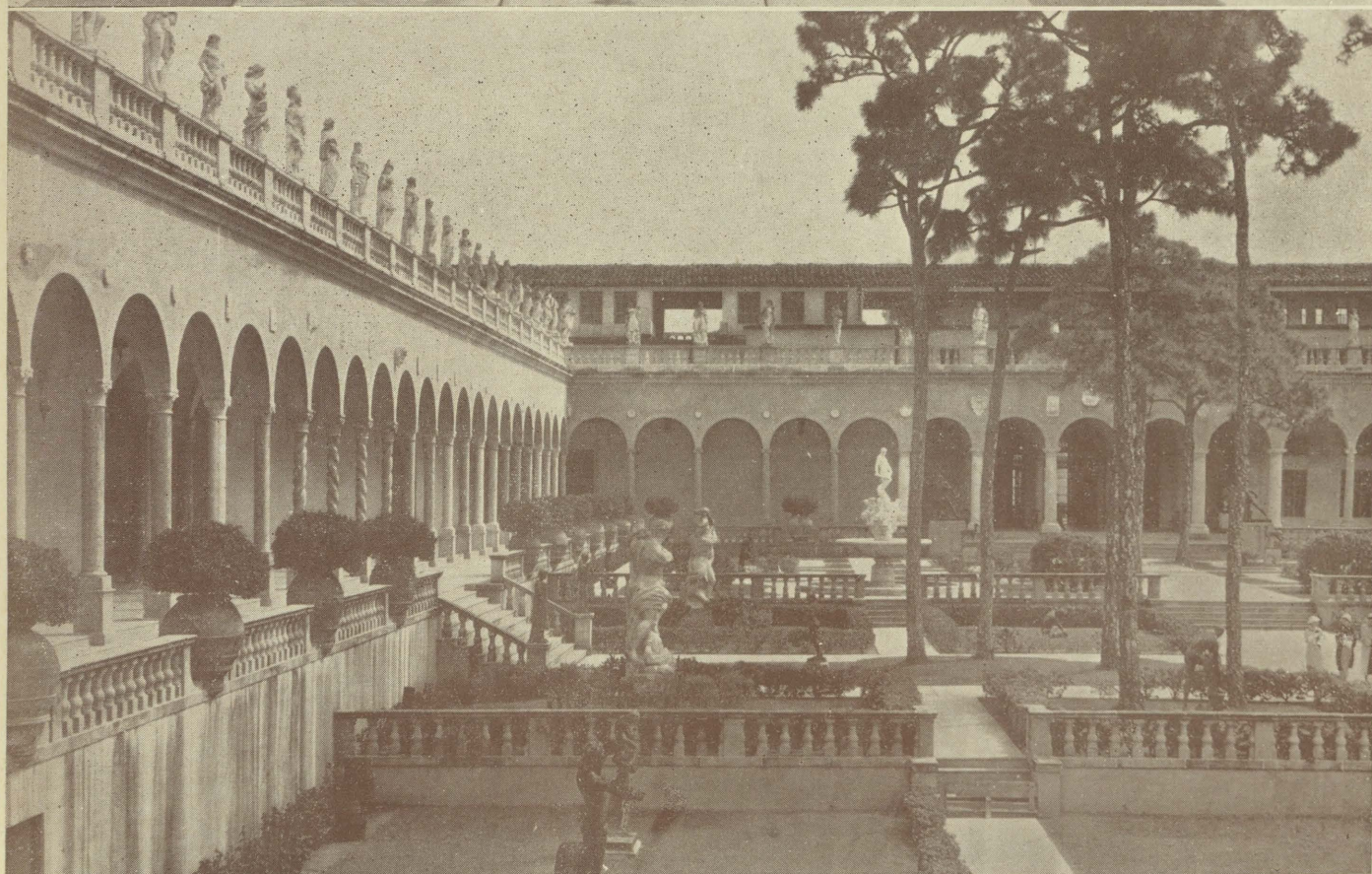
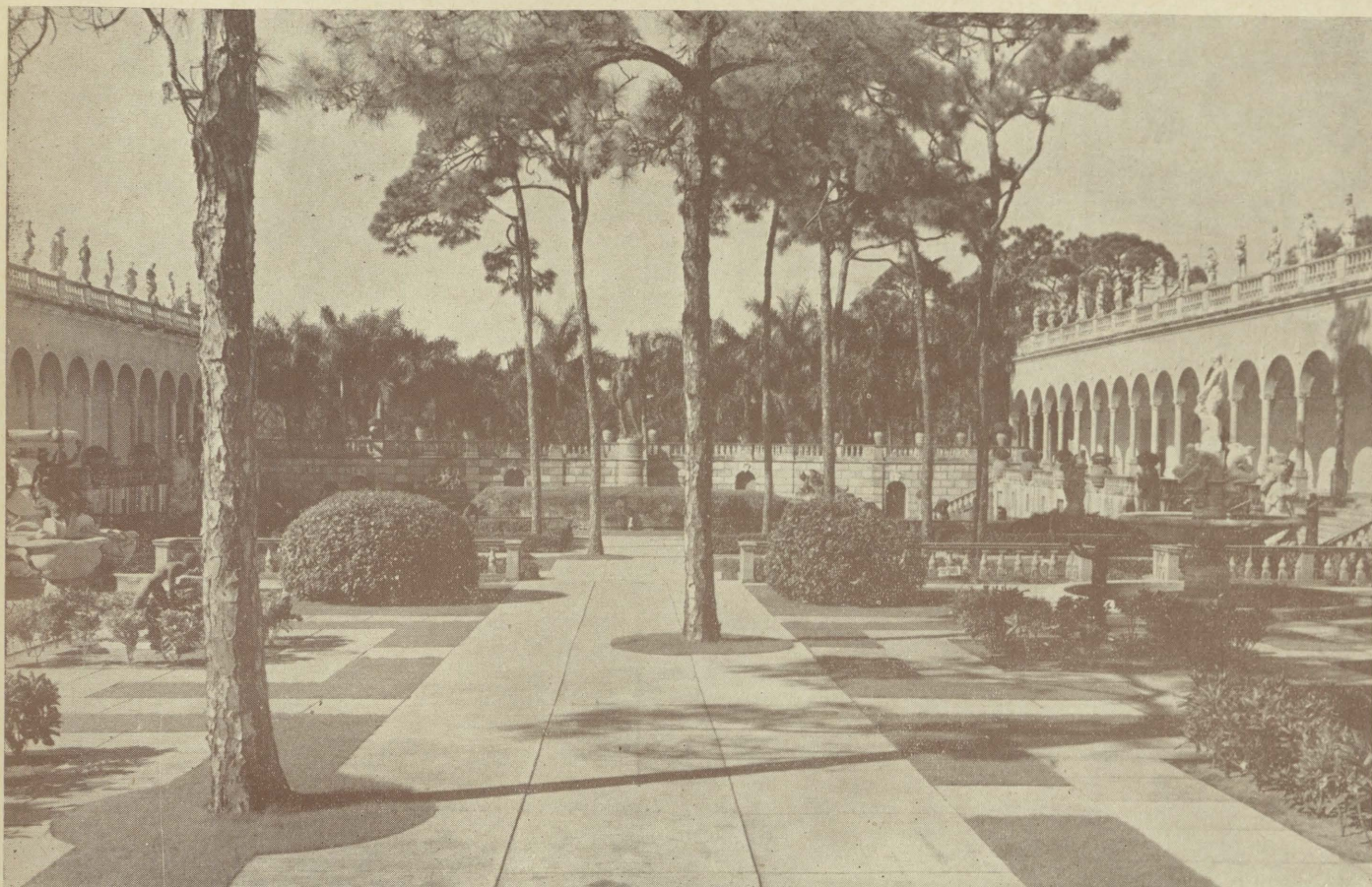


DANAE by Rubens, and below, MARIE OF UTRECHT by Josef Israels, two of the most popular paintings in the Ringling Museum. Danaë was the daughter of Acrisius, king of Argos, who became by Jupiter the mother of Perseus. Jupiter, supreme god of the Romans, ruled over gods and men on his throne in Mount Olympus but often came down to visit mortals and make love to mortal women. Perseus grew up to slay the Gorgon Medusa from whose blood sprang the winged-horse Pegasus. Josef Israels (1824-1911) was a Dutch painter born in Groningen of Jewish parents. His pictures of humble life won him foremost place among Dutch painters of his day.

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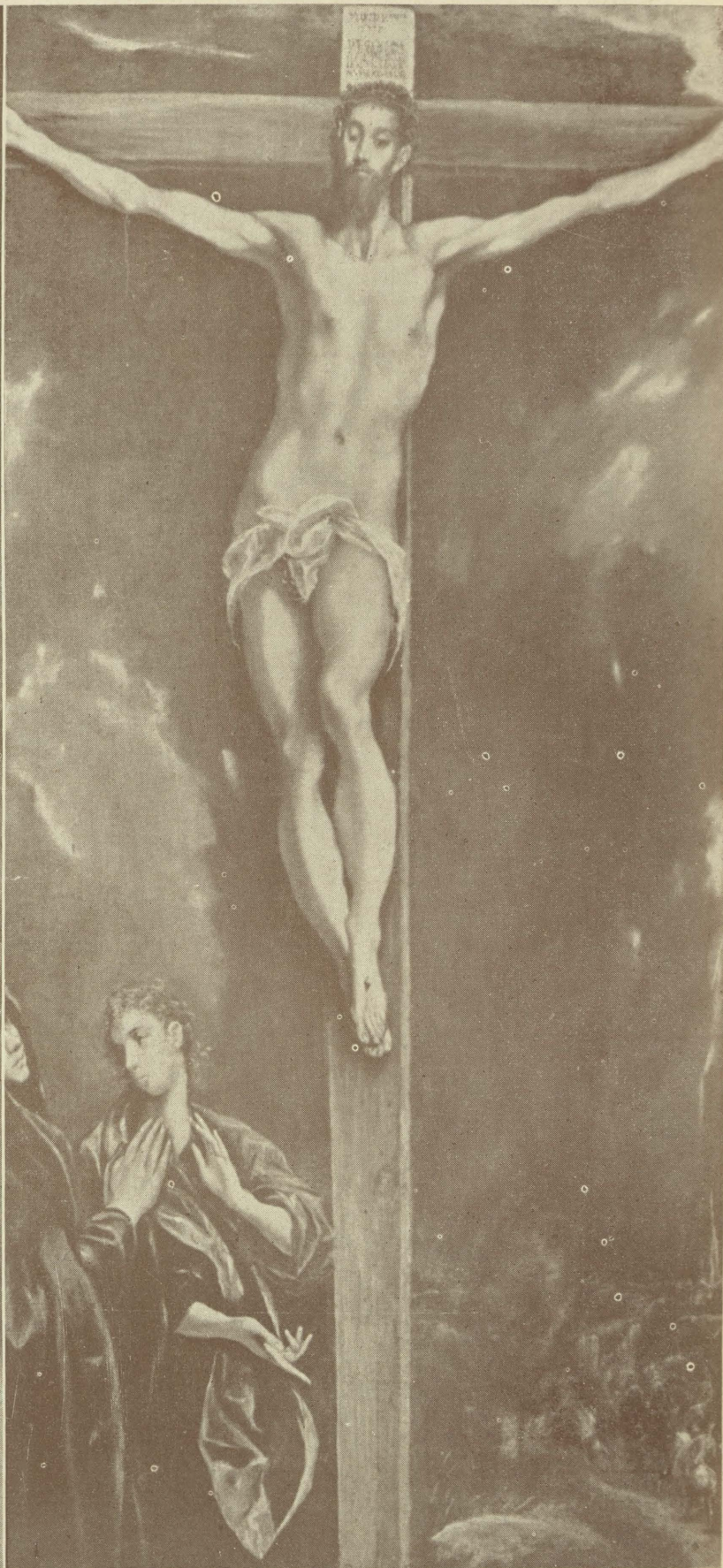


IMMACULATE CONCEPTION by Murillo (1617-1682). This is one of the 15 paintings of this, the favorite, subject of this Spanish painter born in Seville. Left an orphan at 10, Murillo went on to become the most celebrated religious painter of Spain and to a very high rank among the painters of the world. One of the paintings of the Immaculate Conception was purchased by the French government and may now be in the home of Hitler or Goering. It has been numbered among the 12 great masterpieces sometimes called "world pictures." Several of the Murillo pictures are prizes of the National Gallery in London. —Photo by BURNELL, Sarasota.



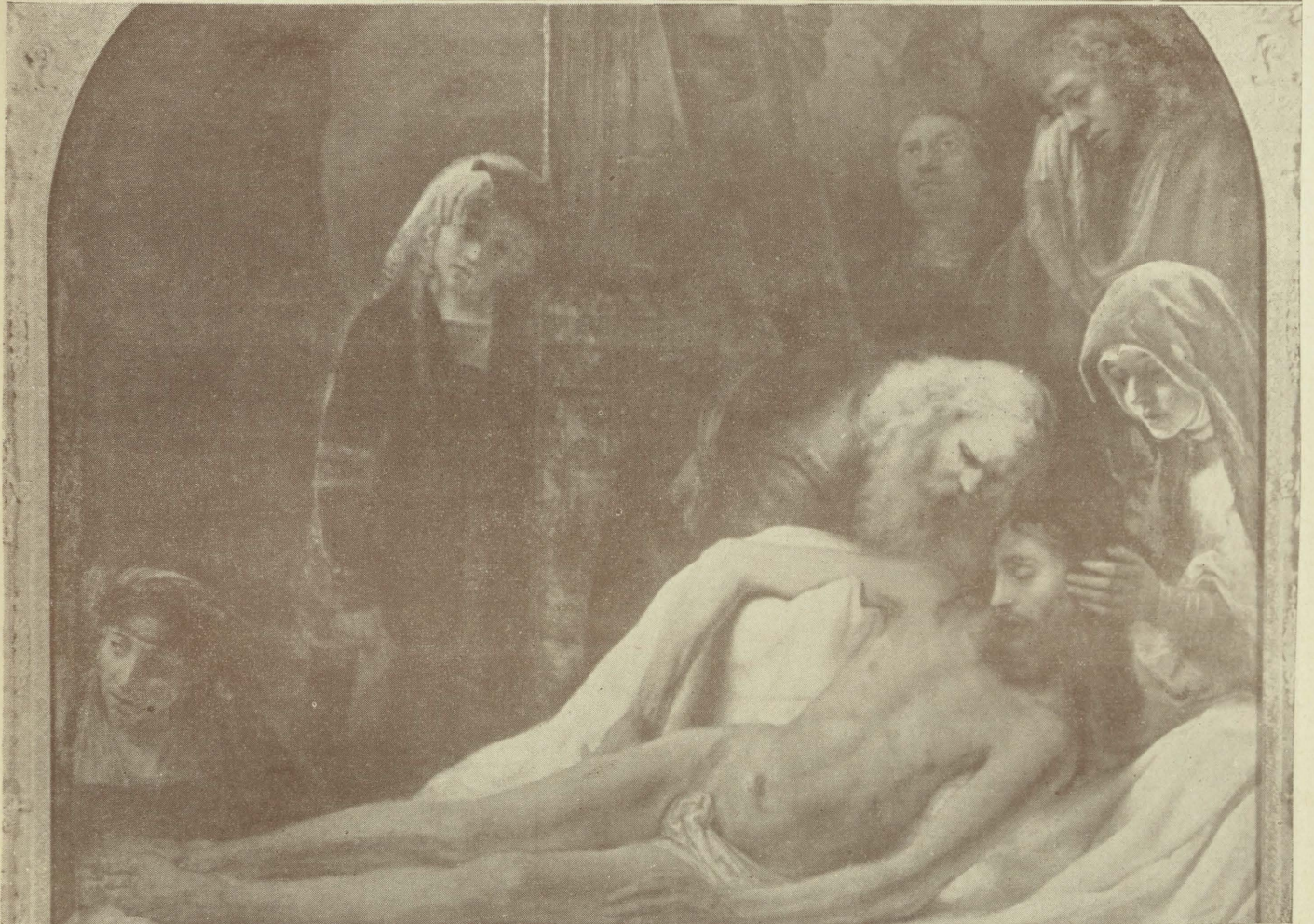
Another view of the court looking from the back of the main entrance of the Museum showing some of the fountains and statuary placed in small plots, all accessible to the visitor. As will be noted, many of the original pine trees have been preserved and a place made for them. Rare shrubbery is used for decoration and the grounds are well kept. The lower view takes in another corner of the court and shows many of the statues taken from antique European buildings, many of them priceless. Here, too, may be seen many of the columns from ancient temples brought to this country by chartered steamer.

—Photo by BURNELL, Sarasota.



PHILIP IV OF SPAIN, left, a portrait by Diego Velasquez (1599-1660) is an example of the foremost master of modern painting and this is one of his finest works. This portrait was finished in the autumn of 1622 and won for the painter a studio in the Spanish royal palace, a residence in the city and a monthly stipend. Velasquez later studied in Rome where he painted a portrait of Innocence X, now considered one of his finest paintings. Velasquez is said to be the most objective of painters, the subject itself telling the whole story. THE CRUCIFIXION, by El Greco, right, is one of several religious paintings in the Ringling Museum. Many of the old masters used this subject, some of them now rated as the top pictures of all time.

—Photo by BURNELL, Sarasota.



MARQUIS OF GRANBY, top left, by Sir Joshua Reynolds (1723-1792). Reynolds was first president of the royal academy and was knighted by George III. He was especially famous for his portraits and his widely known "Angel Heads" portrait studies. QUEEN OF CYPRUS, top right, by Titian (Tiziano Vecelli, about 1477). Titian was the greatest painter of the Venetian school. His "Assumption of the Virgin" (1516), is rated second only to Raphael's "Sistine Madonna." DESCENT FROM THE CROSS, below, by Rembrandt (1607-1669). Rembrandt was a Dutch painter and rated one of the most perfect of colorists. Some of his figures appear to be raised from the canvas, so expertly are they painted and colored.

—Photo by BURNELL, Sarasota.



PANSIAS AND GLYCERA, by Rubens (1577-1640) Flemish painter and designer of tapestries. Rubens was educated at the Jesuit College in Antwerp and later studied under Velasquez the works of Titian who so greatly influenced his later works. It is said that Rubens wanted only a purer style in designing the human figure to have been a perfect as well as a universal painter. In extent of range, he is unrivaled as he was a master of history, portrait, landscape and animal life. He also was distinguished as a diplomat serving in Spain and England. He decorated the Luxembourg palace in Paris for Marie de Medici.



TRIUMPH OF CAESAR, top, another tapestry designed by Rubens who also designed eichens and silverware in addition to his paintings. The above is one of the most prized treasures at Sarasota and is worth many thousands of dollars. The Rubens collection at Sarasota includes four large compositions which were printed for Philip IV of Spain. After several generations in the royal family they were taken to the Louvre in Paris. During the French revolution they were sealed in leaden containers and hidden beneath the River Seine. Later they were sold to the Duke of Westminster from whose descendants they were purchased by Ringling. STAG HUNT, below, by Frans Snyder, a popular work with visitors to the Museum because of its action and depth.



THE FLIGHT OF LOT, another Rubens, which was among those hidden under the Seine. Other Rubens in the Museum include "Fathers of the Church" and "The Four Evangelists."
—Photo by BURNELL, Sarasota.

Peter Paul Rubens. With the exception of Frans Pourbus' portrait of Archduchess Isabella, Queen of the Netherlands, all paintings in one gallery are those of the Flemish master. Four large compositions here, The Fathers of the Church, The Four Evangelists, Abraham Receiving Bread and Wine from Melchizedek and the Israelites Gathering Manna in the Desert, are of a series of six painted by Rubens for Philip IV of Spain. After several generations in the possession of the Spanish royal family they passed into the hands of a French general who placed them in the Louvre in Paris. During the French revolution they were sealed in lead con-

tainers and hidden in a vault under the river Seine. At the close of the revolution they were returned to the Louvre and later were sold by the French government to the Duke of Westminster from whose descendants they were purchased by Ringling.

While the Rubens collection is outstanding, the museum possesses many other masterpieces of world renown. Included are works of Rembrandt, Raphael, Titian, Tintoretto, Paolo Veronese, Van Dyck, Fra Bartholomeo, Frans Hals, Jordaens, Andrea Del Sarto, Frans Snyders, Murillo, Velazquez, El Greco, Goya, Zurbaran and many others. Contemporary Nineteenth century paintings are representa-

tive of French, Belgian, American, Dutch, Swiss, Spanish, English and Italian masters, including examples by Frederic Remington, Daniel Huntington, Josef Israels and Rosa Bonheur. And some of the finest examples of the various schools are the works of artists who never have been identified.

One tapestry gallery includes two examples by Rubens, The Triumph of the Church and The Catholic Faith. Tapestry weaving, popular for centuries, virtually disappeared during the twenty years of wars at the close of the sixteenth century and was not resumed until Archduke Albert and Archduchess Isabella became the rulers of Flanders. Immediately

the looms became busy again, with Rubens a leading figure in revival of the art. Other tapestries in this gallery are the works of Arthois and Kessel of Flanders, Poussin of France, and Looten of Holland. Still another gallery contains two Rubens tapestries, the triumph of Caesar and the Flight of Pompey, while a third offers two of his noted tapestry cartoons, The Capture of Bacchus and The Roman Battle Scene.

To list in detail the treasures of the museum it would be necessary to reproduce the catalog, and volumes would be required were one to outline the history of each of the more notable works. The brief story of the four compositions in the Rubens gallery painted for Philip IV of Spain is an example of what one would encounter. Each has a story and each story would have to do with the history of Europe, in some instances, over a period of hundreds of years.

Because of its permanence sculpture is intended for outdoors, or as building ornamentation, and the court of the Ringling Museum offers numerous examples of this art, as does the building itself. The most striking is the colossal statue of David at the open side of the quadrangle, a replica of Michaelangelo's first great sculptural work, which he carved from a huge block of Carrara marble. The forty-three pieces of sculpture in the court include many of the world's best known masterpieces.

Included in construction of the building are twelve marble plaques, a fireplace and a doorway, by Augustus Saint-Guadens. Made for an English family, it is not known how they entered the Ringling collection but they are regarded as outstanding examples of the work of this great American artist.

Much has been written about the museum but nothing in type, or reproduced in pictorial form, conveys a true conception of the institution established at Sarasota and presented to the people of Florida by one of its adopted citizens. It is estimated that more than 100,000 persons have visited the museum annually since its completion, coming from everywhere to view the works of mas-



BURGOMASTER OF HAARLEM, by Frans Hals (1580-1666) regarded as founder of the Dutch school of genre painting. He equalled Rembrandt in technical skill though he was inferior in imagination.
—Photo by BURNELL, Sarasota.

ters that can be seen nowhere else in the world. Each year the number of visitors increases, and the war years have been no exception. Now soldiers, airmen and sailors of the hundreds of thousands stationed in Florida are taking advantage of the opportunity while in the State to go to Sarasota and view what others travel thousands of miles to see.

Floridians have neglected the museum, and it might be well

when travel becomes more convenient, if they would visit Sarasota and realize what they, as citizens of the State, possess. A few days ago a group of soldiers visited the museum. "I know no more about art than a child," one of them remarked "but when I return home after the war, and friends learn I was stationed in Florida, I'd be disgraced if some asked if I had visited the museum and I had to tell them I hadn't."

Urge State Bureau To Advertise Florida

"There is every reason to believe that Florida is faced with a terrific amount of logical post-war travel competition and unless something is done now in an intelligent, comprehensive manner to sell the State's many assets, already proven of interest, we are going to find ourselves behind the eight ball," said McDonald Bryan, president of the Florida Publicity and Public Relations Association recently.

McDonald and his organization urged the launching of an advertising and publicity campaign broad enough to

sell Florida's advantages to the country. The organization advocates the establishment of a State bureau of publicity and advertising.

In a recent meeting of the organization in Jacksonville it commended Nathan Mayo, commissoiner of agriculture on his booklet "After Victory," which he had printed on direction of the 1943 legislature for distribution to the members of the armed forces training in Florida.

SALES INCREASE

Independent retailers in Florida have reported a sales increase of 22 percent for November.



The Florida Parole Commission—Left to right, Joseph Y. Cheney, chairman; Mrs. Bessie Kinsey Gray, executive secretary; Francis R. Bridges, commissioner; James T. Vocelle, commissioner-secretary.

Parole Commission At Work . . .

SUPERVISED PAROLE and probation is working in Florida.

Admittedly I may be too close to this thing to really see the picture accurately but, nevertheless, I am thoroughly convinced, thanks to the cooperation we have been receiving from the public generally that supervised parole and probation is the right procedure for the protection of society and in setting back on the right road those individuals who want to help themselves.

By **FRANCIS R. BRIDGES, Jr.**

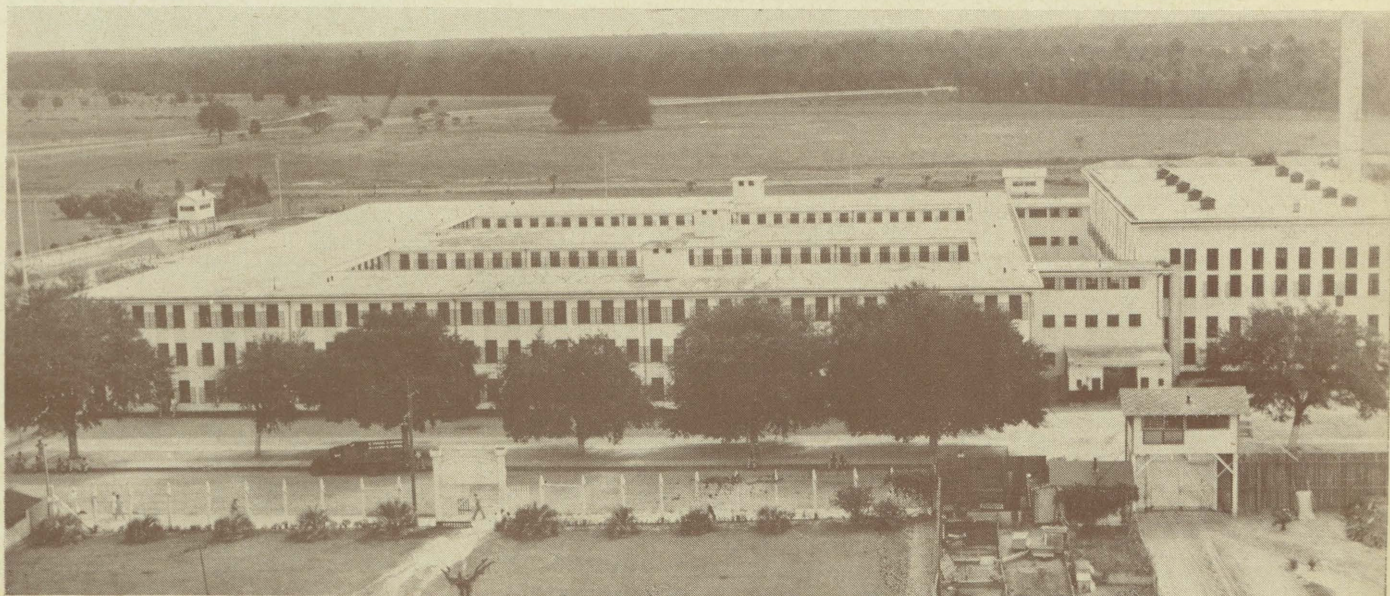
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The commission was created by order of Florida citizens, who, in 1940 ratified a change in the State's constitution whereby the creation of the present system was approved. With that mandate from the people, the 1941 legislature enacted the law whereby the three-man commission was authorized.

Under the provisions of the law, merit examinations were held and of the approximately 200 men and women seeking the positions, Joseph Y. Cheney of Tampa, a member of the well-known Orange County family and at the time a Federal probation officer; James T. Vocelle of Vero Beach, for more than a quarter of a century a practicing attorney; and the writer, who had been an active newspaperman for 18 years were chosen

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Main building of the Florida State Prison Farm, Raiford, where the population has dropped to about 1,500, due largely to activities of the Florida Parole Commission in giving deserving prisoners a chance to make good.



Holland Dedicates Last Year . .

THE STATE OF FLORIDA had a cash balance of \$16,534,595.31, the largest on record in its history to the credit of the various trust and operating funds at the end of the fiscal year June 30, according to the annual report of Comptroller J. M. Lee, released early in January.

At the same time Governor Spessard L. Holland announced that the last year of his administration, which will end January 1, 1945 will be "the most orderly and economic possible" and that an effort will be made to build up the best possible situation for the next administration "with substantial financial balances to assure a good program of post-war activities."

The governor also stated that his efforts will be given to:

"Continuing and enlarging very actively our program of protecting the health of the armed forces and our own people, providing recreation for service men and women and giving them a picture of law observance and enforcement that will impress them and our own folks with the idea that our government is worth fighting for.

"Further strengthening and stabilizing the property tax structure by decent and impartial administration.

"Getting road and bridge building projects for the post-war period in the plans and specifications stage.

"Leaving the road and bridge bond structure simplified in every possible way, with as many callable bonds reduced to a minimum interest rate as feasible.

"Winding up the Everglades drainage district debt refinancing, and trying to set up the Everglades National Park.

"Completing negotiations for purchase of Gandy Bridge and Davis Causeway across Tampa Bay and freeing them of tolls.

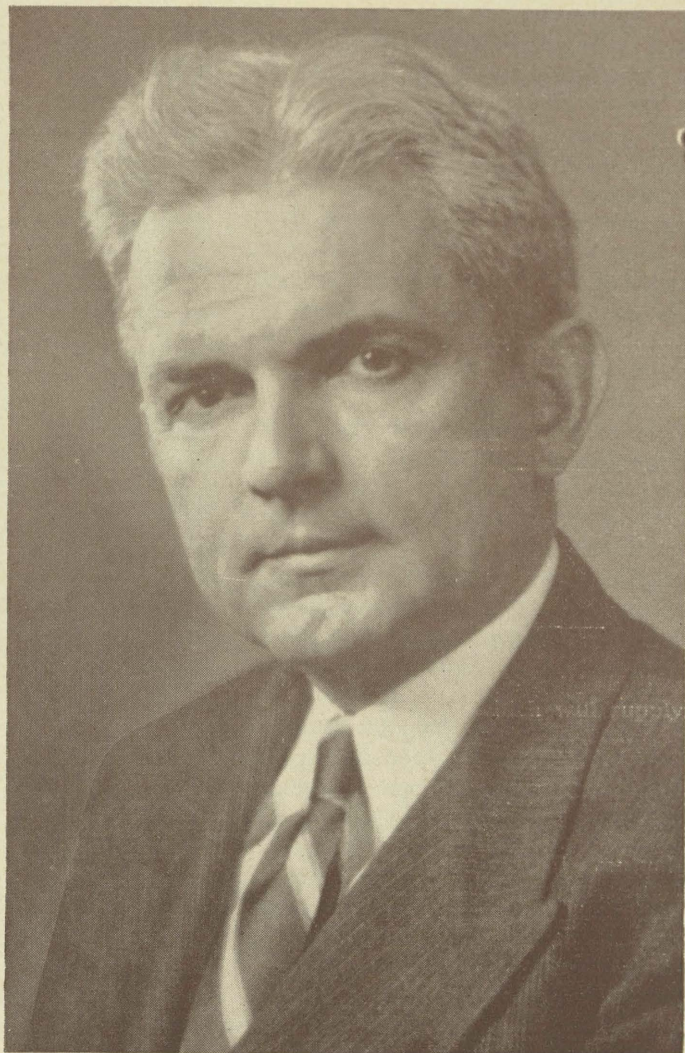
"Setting up rules and regulations for conservation and orderly handling of any oil supplies that might be found in commercial quantities in Florida."

The Lee financial statement also showed that there is on deposit with the U. S. Treasury in Washington a credit of \$25,504,499 for the Florida Unemployment Compensation fund for the payment of claims of jobless Floridians.

The State had total regular receipts of \$63,461,366, compared with \$82,978,244 the year before and spent \$66,914,678 in 1942-43, against \$77,802,163 in 1941-42.

The grand total of all receipts handled last year—which includes 26.38 percent bookkeeping, not actual money, for transferring public trust moneys from one fund to another—was \$92,990,118, compared with \$105,125,562 the year before.

Of the grand total disbursements, \$3,984,391 or 4.41 percent was for general government; \$3,695,672 or 4.09 percent for police protection and regulation of public service; \$2,104,422 or 2.33 percent for public health \$2,607,569 or 2.89 percent for development and conservation of National resources; \$10,711,185 or 11.87 percent for highways; \$2,761,028 or 3.06



GOVERNOR SPESSARD L. HOLLAND

percent for charities, hospitals and prisons, \$18,981,310 or 21.03 percent for public education; \$13,470,876 or 14.92 percent for public welfare and pensions; \$8,584,340 or 9.51 percent was distributed to counties, largely from racing and gasoline taxes.

The State received \$53,814,874 from taxes. Of that amount, \$342,434 came from general property levies; \$4,912,887 from such special taxes as those on corporations, intangibles and estates; \$29,645,015 from excise taxes on gasoline, utilities, insurance premiums, beverages, motor vehicles and several minor items; and \$1,706,562 from miscellaneous licenses.

The rest came from such sources as unemployment compensation tax receipts and citrus advertising taxes, which are earmarked for special uses.

Much of the \$16,534,595 cash balance was in trust funds held for payment of pensions or meeting other governmental obligations and little was available for general operations.

The general revenue fund from which costs of operating most State depart- (Continued on page 49)

Chamber Reports To The State . . .

By HAROLD COLEE

Executive Vice President
Florida State Chamber of Commerce

IT SHALL BE my purpose, initially, to acquaint members of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce and the public with some organizational accomplishments during the last year and secondly, to make transparent for inspection some of the mechanics employed by the fifteen field divisions, the staff departments and the more important agencies with whom we are closely identified.

From members during the year we have received the finest sort of cooperation. I say this in behalf of the officers and directors, in behalf of departmental heads and workers at headquarters and in my own behalf.

War has taken from us much of that carefreeness which in happier days reflects the smooth disposition of those of us privileged to live here close to the sun. We are a serious people today and we are a determined people. We are bending to the wheel, and with every force at our command the enemies of our way of life abroad as well as at home are being made to feel our indignation, and to feel it in terms they once professed to love but are now sickening under the lash.

We are marching on to Victory.

And Florida, with some 250,000 boys and girls on the firing line will share mightily in that Victory.

When the history of conflict is written the part played in the winning of the Victory by the men and women engaged in free enterprise, as we have come to know the term, will also stand as a beacon for all of us to see and this without the benefit of press-agentry.

Free men will have brought Victory to our arms!

I can think of nothing more inspiring to say to you than this: That we in America are not going to bow down to fascism or any other alleged ideology which would



W. C. SHERMAN
President
State Chamber of Commerce

make us slaves of the state, whether that ideology was spawned here in the lunatic fringe of our own society or imported from abroad!

Government in this country can gain its ends only through the expenditure of assets by the labor of free men.

Let us see to it that those assets are employed by our government only as free men would employ them! I think sometimes that we veered close to the fascist precipice in the late thirties—and I am putting it mildly.

Thank God we escaped!

But did we learn during those tragic days that fanatics — just plain punks, if you please, such as the despicable German paperhanger—are the troublemakers in this universe? Do we yet know enough to protect society against the preachments of these neurotics?

We shall soon find out. They are already busying themselves with the task of shaping a peace which is alien to democracy.

In a short time we shall be embarked upon other critical seas—the post-war area. Here in Florida



HAROLD COLEE
Executive Vice President
State Chamber of Commerce

we need now to mobilize our best managerial brains if we are to adequately meet what is ahead of us.

I need not tell you that post-war planning is engaging our second best thoughts, the winning of the war, of course, is uppermost in our minds. I think I need warn you that a lot of old merchandise is going to be offered for sale under the name of post-war planning; further, that some of your most violent post-war headaches are going to be found in what I am about to call, for want of better terminology the shock zone.

It is in this zone where you are going to need a type of help which you cannot do for yourself and it is in this zone where your State chamber, I trust, will be of invaluable assistance to you.

It is in this shock zone where regulatory troubles will be in wait for you, where excessive taxes will plague you, where you will encounter hard-to-get-rid-of war control agencies, where new anti-social problems must be met and National economic maladjustments

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How Dade County Deals With War

DADE COUNTY'S governmental machinery, which has operated for years as smoothly as any well-conducted big business enterprise, slipped so smoothly into wartime gear that the change was scarcely noticed.

So efficiently has the transition from a peacetime enterprise to one which meshes with the National war machine been brought about that it can only be realized from an ante-war vantage point. It is necessary to recall that Dade County was plunging ahead with characteristic progressiveness when Pearl Harbor came.

Its governing body, a five-member commission was furthering a project of State-wide, if not National interest—the construction of the causeway, since named the Rickenbacker causeway in honor of the famed World War I ace, Eddie Rickenbacker, to connect Virginia and Biscayne Keys with the mainland at Miami, and the development of the two keys. Virginia Key, it is contemplated, will be an air and seaport, and Biscayne Key the location of Crandon Park, expected to be a show place of outstanding attraction.

A secondary project, secondary in scope only and not in interest is for the creation of an ocean-front park north of Miami Beach, which is expected to afford added beach space for thousands of residents and winter visitors and complete a well-rounded park system.

None of these aims have been neglected. On the contrary, war's restrictions notwithstanding, they have been advanced. At the same time funds accumulated for the \$4,000,000 causeway structure and the \$2,500,000 in park development have been carefully husbanded. A portion has been expended for construction and acquisition of lands for the ocean-front park but the major portion is drawing interest until the post-war day when the "full speed ahead" order can be given.

Dade's financial condition today is enviable. Besides its \$500,000 in normal reserves and operating

By CECIL R. WARREN

funds, the county has unexpended bond funds of \$2,500,000 on hand for the completion of Rickenbacker causeway and \$1,500,000 in unexpended bond funds for park development, now invested in war bonds. Its assets total \$552,000,000, of which \$17,798,000 represents the investment in its road and bridge system.

Many obstacles have had to be surmounted in the Rickenbacker causeway construction, but 3,744 feet of fill have been thrown up in the bay and 7,882 feet on Virginia Key, monotube piling have been placed, bascule towers constructed and the commission is now endeavoring to get priorities for work on three bulkheads—government approval has already been given for three others. The bulkhead work, scheduled to start as soon as all the priorities are in hand will cost \$334,000. Work has progressed slowly but steadily and much clearing of underbrush has been done on the keys.

War's restrictions on oil and other road-building materials, as well as on fuel and automotive parts, caused in Dade, as it did throughout the Nation curtailment of road and bridge construction and maintenance.

This situation was met promptly and efficiently. Highway construction and maintenance crews were skeletonized. Maintenance forces were cut to a patching crew to each of the five commissioners' districts. Construction was limited to military requirements. Equipment subject to deterioration, such as automotive, and even the spare parts of such equipment were sold. Heavy equipment, such as rollers, graders, bulldozers and scarifiers, were rented to contractors but only to those engaged on war work and operating within the confines of the county.

This rental of road equipment has brought about the unusual situation of a county road department actually making, instead of spend-

ing money. The accumulation from machinery rentals to date amounts to \$68,492, and it will be applied to putting the county's highway system back into condition as speedily as possible.

The recent lifting of government restrictions on road oil was immediately followed by resumption of road surfacing work. Already several of the roads in the south Dade County agricultural areas have been resurfaced with pea rock and road oil, thereby causing thousands of dollars in savings to taxpayers. Just as soon as manpower becomes available, the commission expects to launch an extensive road building program but just now no new construction except that vitally necessary is being undertaken, and then only in a limited way.

These are just a few of the ways in which the Dade County commission has striven to adjust the \$557,000,000 corporation they head to a wartime tempo. In all of the accomplishments the commission is due credit as a whole, rather than as individuals for the Herculean task, for it works as a unit. Suggestions come, of course, from the individual members but they are carefully mulled over and when the board takes action on any vital question, that action is unanimous.

The commission could be referred to as a "business man" board, since its members are all men of affairs, all have been successful in their private undertakings, and it can be said of any one of them: "Here is a man who does not need the job for financial reasons." When reelection is sought by a member, it is on the stand that he wishes to render further service to the people or the county or that there are projects in which he is interested and would like to see to completion before stepping out of office.

Chairman Preston B. Bird, a Homestead resident and automobile dealer is the newest member of the board in point of service,

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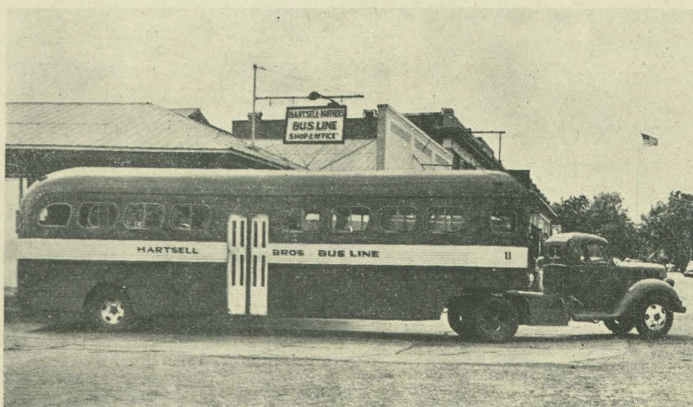
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Service Men Can Vote, Gray . . .

FLORIDIANS WHO were qualified voters when they entered the armed services will be qualified to vote in all elections of this year, according to a statement issued by Secretary of State R. A. Gray which was supplemented by a statement by Governor Holland declaring that an extra session of the legislature is not necessary to provide additional facilities for the voting of Floridians now at war. Those not qualified when they left the State may vote for Federal officials—president, senators and representatives.

If present Federal and State laws on absentee voting are not changed, Secretary of State R. A. Gray said, the only group of service men and women who will not be able to vote on State and local issues is made up of those who became 21 years old after they left Florida and others who never have registered as voters.

A 1941 law provides that registration of a voter prior to entering the armed forces continues in effect while he is in service, regardless of whether there has been a reregistration in his county.

A 1942 Federal law, for which amendments now are pending in congress permits any member of the armed forces to vote for such Federal officers as congressmen, senator and president whether he has been registered in his home State or not.

A 1943 State law, enacted to supplement the Federal statute permits any registered Florida voter in the armed services to cast an absentee ballot on all local, State and Federal candidates and issues in the party primaries as well as the general election.

Attorney Gen. Tom Watson has ruled that on request a full ballot containing all county, State and Federal contests shall be sent to service men and women.

When it comes back, local canvassing boards must check their registration books to determine whether the soldier or sailor's vote for all offices—or just the Federal positions—shall be counted.

A shortage of time, however, may prevent a great majority of service men and women from voting in the runoff party primary, which really is Florida's principal election because democratic nomination almost invariably means election.

There are only three weeks between the first and second primaries. That doesn't give much time for votes to be counted and canvassed and for new ballots to be printed, sent to service men overseas or in remote parts of the Nation and returned to be counted again in the runoff.

The situation in Florida is not complicated, as it is in most other Southern States by the question of how a sol-



R. A. GRAY
Secretary of State

dier, sailor or marine is going to pay his poll tax.

The poll tax was abolished as a prerequisite to voting in Florida in 1939.

Some members of the legislature have proposed a special session to revise the absentee voting laws to take care of the service man's ballot, but Governor Holland—the only man who can call the legislature into extra session—has said he sees “nothing to get excited about” in the present set-up and that a special session is “a very remote possibility.”

Secretary of State Gray said that even if congress should repeal its 1942 law and substitute no other, Florida statutes would be sufficient to permit absentee balloting by persons who were registered when they left the State.

Amendments to the Federal law, however, might change the Federal government's authority to help States pay the cost of preparing and mailing ballots to service men, Gray said.

That could cause a little financial difficulty for Florida, because the present appropriation for elections isn't large enough to take care of the extra cost.

Governor Holland explained the situation in a letter delivered to all members of the Florida delegation in congress. In this letter the governor said that the 1941 and 1943 State laws provide for as full participation as possible except for:

(1) Service men and women who have not registered, generally because they have become of age since leaving the State;

(2) The fact that because of the delay of only three weeks between the first and second primaries, ballots for the second primary cannot be mailed out, used and returned on time by soldiers and sailors who will be overseas at the remote places of the world.

Holland said in his opinion these difficulties could be overcome only by permitting voting without actual registration or claiming of party affiliation, and extension of time between the first and second primaries or return to the so-called Bryan primary system under which first and second choice votes were cast in a single primary rather than to have two separate primaries.

He described such changes in procedure so radical that he has “found no support for them among citizens with whom I have talked.”

State Is Tick Free After 30-Year Fight

Florida is free of the cattle tick fever after 30 years of eradication efforts and the U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry has lifted its quarantine against Collier and Hendry Counties, the last two Florida counties on the list.

The tick eradication campaign was begun in 1906 and involved the systematic dipping of all cattle in the State. Dipping was necessary every two weeks during the grazing season for at least one year.

First vats in Florida were constructed at Gainesville and the dipping was under direction of John M. Scott, animal industrialist with the experiment station and now State milk inspector. For many years dipping was opposed by cattle owners because it entailed rounding up the cattle twice a month, some expense for handling and a lot of bother which they believed to be unnecessary. However, results later converted cattlemen to the idea and they dropped opposition. Dipping was not the final answer and it was necessary to kill off swamp deer in Collier and Hendry, thereby destroying the ticks before Florida was really tick free.

Eradication of the tick is now widely credited with the expansion and development of the cattle industry in Florida.

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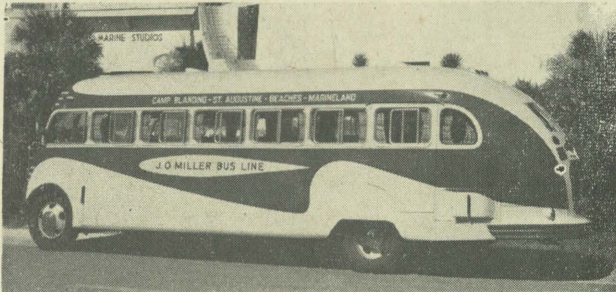
Robert C. Evans, secretary-manager of the Florida Citrus Commission has been advised that additional tin plate has been allotted for an unlimited civilian pack of citrus concentrates for this year.

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PEOPLE

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
CLAUDE R. WICKARD and Mrs. Wickard recently spent a vacation with their daughter and son-in-law, Lieut. and Mrs. Robert Bryant, U. S. N., in Miami Beach.

A. P. PIERSON, Hastings, has been appointed agricultural director of the Florida War Finance Committee, of which **W. W. McEachern**, St. Petersburg, is chairman.

E. L. ROBINSON, one of Florida's best known educators, is retiring as superintendent of Hillsborough County schools at the end of this year. He has served for fifty years in the educational profession and is 72 years old.

MRS. A. P. SADLER, wife of the West Palm Beach fire chief recently reported that her parrot, which she had considered a male laid an egg.

SERGT. HENRY M. BURCH, JR., Orlando, has been elected first commander of the American Veterans of World War 2.

HERBERT M. DAVIDSON, who has been serving in the overseas branch of the OWI has returned to his post after a leave of absence in Daytona Beach where he is editor of the News-Journal.

CHARLES B. HELFENSTEIN, Live Oak, publisher of the Live Oak Democrat and secretary of the Florida Planning Board has been appointed to the committee on community development by the National Editorial Association.

MRS. OBE P. GOODE has been appointed acting postmaster of St. Augustine.

HARRY HALDEN, chairman of Lakeland's war bond drive has challenged his brother, John F. Halden, vice chairman of the drive in Long Beach, Calif., to a contest based on per capita sales in their respective cities.

JOHN MOSCRIP has been named advertising manager of the Florida Citrus Commission.

ALBERT OSTEEN, Starke, is the owner of a sow, which in 1941 had a litter of 17 pigs; in 1942 had a litter of 18 pigs and which recently brought forth another litter of 18 pigs.

DR. THOMAS H. D. GRIFFITTS, retired medical director and colonel in the U. S. Public Health Service recently was recalled by Dr. Henry Hanson, State health officer and will succeed Dr. Wilson T. Sowder as director of the State Board of Health's bureau of local health service.

TONY MARTIN, well known singer, recently an officer candidate at Miami Beach has been transferred to Seymour Johnson Field where he may yet win a commission.

SID. A. HINELY, Live Oak, veteran member of the Florida legislature, has announced that he will not seek reelection as State senator in the coming primary. Hinely has served as senator from Suwannee County since 1931 and prior to that served a term in the house.

NATHAN JONES, Jacksonville, and Mrs. Jones recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Mr. Jones has served for many years as sergeant-at-arms in the Florida house of representatives, his wife his assistant.

DR. EDGAR L. MORPHET, director of administration and finance of the State Department of Agriculture has been elected National chairman of the study commission on State educational problems.

MISS MARJORIE LAWRENCE, Metropolitan Opera star, who has been confined to a wheel chair with infantile paralysis since 1941 took her first step at Miami recently.

MAYOR FRANK HAGUE, Jersey City, with Mrs. Hague and their adopted daughter are at Miami Beach for a vacation.

MRS. MARIAN W. DEERING left her entire fortune to her six grandchildren, according to her will filed for probate in Dade County last month.

CHARLOTTE HARRIS, 14 year old St. Petersburg girl, has been titled "Salvage Queen" of the Nation. She has collected 8,952 pounds of old newspapers in the waste paper campaign.

MRS. STEPHEN EARLY, wife of the secretary to President Roosevelt recently sponsored the SS John Einig, 28th ship to be launched at the St. Johns shipyard, Jacksonville.

LIEUT. THOS. O. ANDREWS, son of Senator Chas. O. Andrews and Mary Jane Snively of Winter Haven, were recently married in Gainesville.

WILLIAM M. GOBER, Tampa, member of the Republican State executive committee recently stated that Wendell L. Willkie would carry Florida if a preferential primary were held.

MCGREGOR SMITH, Miami, president of the Florida Power & Light Company has been advised that his company has been designated for special citation for performance of duty in the field of electric utility service.

J. J. WIGGINS, Glades County sheriff has been seriously injured in an automobile accident.

DAVID J. LEWIS has been elected president of the Jacksonville Bar Association, succeeding Cecil C. Bailey.

MRS. DOROTHY RINEHART, Warrington, recently christened the de-

stroyer Rinehart, named for her husband, Lieutenant Clark Franklin Rinehart, a Naval aviator lost in the battle of the Coral Sea, at Newark, N. J.

RICHARD H. SIMPSON, speaker of the Florida house of representatives, was recently reelected mayor of Monticello without opposition for his ninth consecutive term.

J. LEROY DART has been named president of the Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, succeeding Edward Ball.

ARCHDUKE FRANZ JOSEPH, nephew of the Austrian Archduke whose assassination at Sarajevo in 1914 precipitated the first World War is on an indefinite visit in Miami Beach.

EDWIN BROWDER has been elected president of the Miami Junior Chamber of Commerce.

MORRIS MEYERSON, 89, last surviving member of the Jacksonville volunteer fire department and widely known in jewelry trade circles died in Jacksonville January 10. He was a native of Germany and went to Jacksonville in 1876.

JOHN FRANKLIN COCOWITCH, prominent Dunnellon citizen died there January 10. He had served on the town council for thirty years and for sixteen years was a member of the board of school trustees.

BARNABUS EDWARD BROWN, 80, pioneer DeLand hotel man and father of Earl W. Brown, manager of the Florida Bureau of Smaller War industries died in DeLand January 9.

MRS. FANNIE E. EVANS, 80, a niece of the late John D. Rockefeller and his hostess for 25 years died in Daytona Beach January 14.

T. T. TURNBULL, attorney for the State Railroad Commission, and former chairman of the Florida democratic executive committee died January 13 at his home in Monticello. He had served in the State legislature from 1915 through 1929, and was president of the senate in 1923.

MRS. CELESTE EVE BAKER, widow of the late Judge Hinton J. Baker died in Fernandina January 9. Her father, Dr. Joseph A. Eve was cofounder with Dr. Anthony of the medical college in Augusta, now the department of medicine of the University of Georgia.

DR. L. C. FISHER, 59, prominent physician of Clay County died in Green Cove January 8.

MRS. TILLIE THIGPIN, 77, who upon the death of her husband 25 years ago, took over the operation of their large farm in Hastings died in Jacksonville January 8. She was considered one of the most progressive farmers in the Hastings area.

CASWELL GRAVE, 74, nationally known biologist and former professor at Washington University and Johns Hopkins died in Winter Park January
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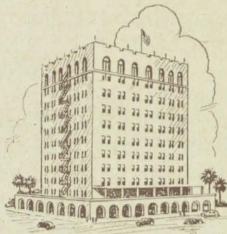
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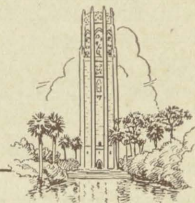
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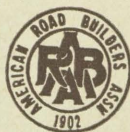
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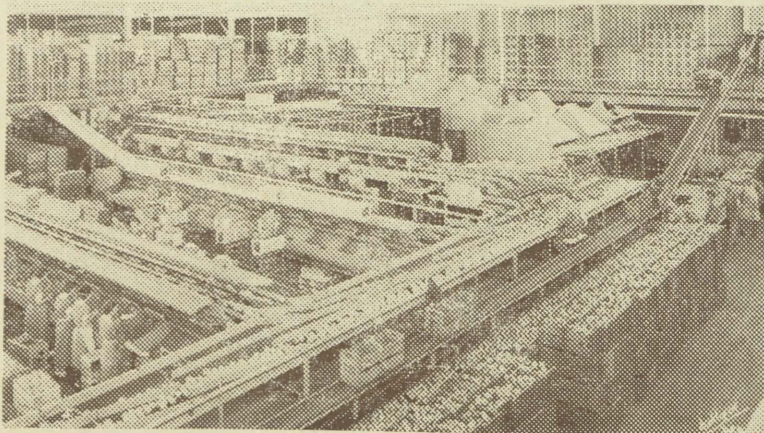
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CAPITAL CHATTER . . .

OWNERSHIP AND TITLE to Heckscher Drive, which runs from Jacksonville to the ocean on the north side of the river, was formally taken over by the State Road Department last month.

The department took over the road for maintenance after the deeds were turned over. Financing the \$122,500 cost will be through Duval County's share in the gasoline tax revenue.

■ WTAL, Tallahassee's radio station has been authorized to increase its power to 250 watts.

■ The State cabinet has formally condemned the Wakulla County jail at Crawfordville following a complete investigation by B. H. Dickens, State prison inspector. Prisoners from that county will be cared for in the Leon County jail.

■ As a reflection of the prosperity of the Tallahassee area, the Tallahassee post office receipts jumped to \$374,837, compared with \$283,995 in 1942.

■ Appropriation of \$50,000 for the new industrial experiment station at the University of Florida has won formal approval of the cabinet. The approval provides that not more than one-half of the fund shall be used during the fiscal year, which ends June 30.

■ S. E. Rice, conservation supervisor has announced that the Florida mullet fishing season will not be changed at this time. The fifteen Gulf Coast counties from Escambia to Pasco are not affected by the decision.

■ Influenza has been taking its toll in man hours in the capital during the last few weeks. Dr. Paul J. Coughlin, acting director of the Leon County health unit estimated early in January that at least 20% of the county's population was ill with influenza.

■ Florida's 1,653 ration board members came in for commendation by the governor during the month as his part of a Nation-wide movement to give recognition to ration board members on the second anniversary of rationing.

Governor Holland said "These volunteers of the home front, serving without pay and frequently without recognition of the value of their labors have given many long hours of strenuous work to this task."

■ Members of the State Road Department are still negotiating for the Gandy Bridge and Davis Causeway at Tampa. It appears that the offer for Davis Causeway is accepted but the Gandy Bridge Corporation has asked for more time to make a financial statement.

■ Allen Clements, Miami, has been appointed acting director of the State

Industrial Commission, Workmen's Compensation Division, succeeding Walter Roundtree, who has been given a military leave of absence. Clements has been a deputy commissioner in the Miami area since 1941.

■ Mrs. Ovideo E. Harlee, Trenton, has been appointed acting clerk of the Gilchrist County circuit court succeeding her husband, Asa L. Harlee who has been granted military leave of absence.

■ Regulations of the State Board of Beauty Culture do not apply in beauty shops operated on military reservations for WACs, according to the opinion of Attorney General Tom Watson.

■ Florida has been offered a 7,000-acre tract on the edge of Big Cypress Swamp for addition to the State park system. The offer came from the late Barron G. Collier estates and the Collier County commission. The Tamiami Trail crosses the northern tip of this area.

■ While the season for killing duck, geese, deer and dove has been closed, quail, turkey and squirrel may be legally killed through February 15, according to announcement of the Fresh Water Fish and Game department.

■ Florida Normal and Industrial Institute has been rated as a class "A" college by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, according to announcement by Dr. Wm. H. Gray, Jr., president. The institute is the second negro college in Florida to get this rating by the association. The first so rated was the Florida A. & M. College in Tallahassee.

■ Larry A. Grayson, Tampa, has been appointed acting judge of the criminal court of record of Hillsborough County to succeed Judge John S. Hines, who has been granted military leave.

■ Secretary of State R. A. Gray has announced formal approval of the merger of the Florida Power Corporation, Florida Public Service Company, Sanford Gas Company and Santa Fe Land Company.

■ Comptroller J. M. Lee records additional payment of \$205,000 inheritance tax on the estate of the late Ellsworth J. Warner of Palm Beach. The estate previously had paid \$500,000 in taxes to Florida.

■ N. B. Jordan, Quincy, has been reappointed by Governor Holland as a member of the State Board of Control.

■ J. K. Attwood, Jacksonville, president of the Florida Board of Pharmacy, announces licensing of forty-four persons to practice pharmacy in the State. They qualified at the recent semi-annual meeting of the board.

■ Population of the Florida State prison during December dropped from 2,532 to 2,521.

■ Colin English, State school superintendent, announced constitutional examinations for school teachers in twenty Florida cities on February 5.

■ John D. Freer, Lakeland, and W. E. Saunders, Frostproof, have been appointed by the governor as members of the Polk County jury commission.

■ State Geologist Herman Gunter reports that the Sunniland oil well has been yielding an average of more than 77 barrels of oil a day. A test is being run to see if the well qualifies for the \$50,000 cash reward offered by the State for the first commercial oil produced in Florida. The company has already announced that it will give the award to the University of Florida and the Florida State College for Women, if it wins it.

■ January term of the Florida supreme court reports 146 cases on the docket. During the last (June) term the court handled 318 cases and justices wrote 255 opinions.

■ Florida National Guard troops attached to Camp Pickett, Virginia, are in excellent condition, according to Governor Holland on his return from a visit to the camp. He was accompanied by Florida's Adjutant General Vivian Collins.

■ The State Board of Administration recently sold \$224,000 worth of Marion County road and bridge bonds to a Chicago concern for \$225,270.08. The bonds will bear 2.10 percent interest, replacing bonds on which 4 to 6 percent interest had been paid.

■ Benjamin C. Thornal, Orlando, legislative secretary to Governor Holland during the 1943 session has been appointed a lieutenant (jg) in the U. S. Naval Reserve. Thornal is a graduate of the University of Florida and a past president of the Florida Junior Chamber of Commerce.

■ The Industrial Commission has been collecting Federal payroll taxes from Florida employers during the last month.

■ Taxes on horse and dog racing wagers amounted to \$1,284,078.93 up to January 17, according to announcement of the State Racing Commission. This compares to \$246,854 received from Tropical Park during the 15 days it operated in 1942.

■ M. Luther Mershon, Miami, has been appointed to the State Board of Control by Governor Holland. He succeeds R. H. Gore, Fort Lauderdale.

■ Florida telephone users will save about \$400,000 a year through reductions in long distance telephone call rates in the State, recently ordered by the State Railroad Commission.

■ Death rate from tuberculosis in Florida is today lower than at any time in the past ten years, according to report of the State Board of Health. Dur-

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FLORIDA'S HAT is off this month to Mr. and Mrs. G. B. L. Green of Gainesville, of whose six sons five are in the service. The sixth, 6 years old, goes to National defense school so that his mother can work as a civilian employee at Camp Blanding. Green, a disabled veteran of the first World War, is working as a radio technician at Warner Field, Ga. The five sons in the service are: George, in the Navy; Ronald, an air cadet; Gordon, in the Army; Harris, in the Air Corps, and Leslie, in the Coast Guard. All sons are graduates of the Gainesville high school.

★ Col. Julian Frisbie, Clearwater, is a member of the staff of veteran officers serving on Cape Gloucester with Major General William H. Rupertus, hero of Tulagi.

★ Commander David J. Click, U. S. N. R., Lakeport, has been appointed special assistant to Ralph Bard, assistant secretary of the Navy. Commander Click was formerly a secretary to the late Senator Trammell of Florida.

★ Major William C. Beckham, DeFuniak Springs, has been invited to Buckingham Palace to meet the King and Queen of England. He recently downed his 11th German over Europe.

★ Lieut. Edward Vause, former editor of the Williston Sun, is reported missing in air action over Germany.

★ Lieut. Harold J. O'Grady, Army Air Forces pilot, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross "for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flights in the southwest Pacific area." The citation was signed by Lieut. General George C. Kenney, commander of the Fifth Air Force. Lieut. O'Grady has taken part in more than 50 missions. He attended the University of Florida and worked as a billing clerk for the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Company prior to entering the armed service.

★ Lieut. Robert Edgar Beauchamp, Live Oak, has been killed while fighting Japs over China, according to information received by his mother in letters from Major General C. L. Chennault and General H. H. (Hap) Arnold. It was reported that he was shot down after single-handedly attacking a formation of six enemy bombers.

★ Lieut. Allen E. Erwin, formerly a captain in the Jacksonville fire department has been awarded the Navy and Marine Corps medal for "distinguishing himself by heroism." He is on duty somewhere in north African waters.

★ Capt. Leser Alexander, Miami, a surgeon on duty in the New Guinea area was one of the first to use penicillin at the front. He recently operated

on Staff Sergeant Patrick F. Missita, a Mitchell gunner who will soon be back in the air.

★ 2d Lieut. Edith Shacklette, St. Petersburg, who was one of 88 United States army nurses on Bataan and Corregidor when the Philippines fell to the Japanese is reported safe. She sent word to her mother, Mrs. W. H. Shacklette of St. Petersburg, through Miss Dorothy Davis, a civilian nurse who was returned on the repatriation ship, Gripsholm.

★ Among Floridians receiving Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal are Lieut. Lawrence B. Capes, Clearwater; Lieut. Fred B. Horne, Daytona Beach; Lieut. Carl M. Squires, Coral Gables; Lieut. James A. Watts, Tampa; S/Sgt. Thomas E. Eason, Miami; S/Sgt. Robert W. Dillard, Miami. They are members of the U. S. Army 13th Air Force in combat flights in the south Pacific.

★ Sergt. E. W. (Judge) Carswell, Milton, former student editor of the Tech Talk, college newspaper at Louisiana Tech is editor of the Barracks Bag Express, being published in north Africa.

★ Robt. D. Ballentine, Jacksonville, was among the first Navy coxswains to land on the beach at Saidor, New Guinea, according to Associated Press reports. He was coxswain of the 3d boat in the assault wave. Arlow Beazley, Mayport, was coxswain of the 4th boat in the wave. Two other Floridians, Louis C. Bennett and James F. Sneed, both of Fernandina were in other boats making the landing.

★ Pfc. John Edgar McDade, U. S. M. C., Gainesville, is convalescing in a naval hospital in Oakland, Calif., after being wounded in the neck and spine on Guadalcanal. Prior to enlisting in the Marines, McDade was a bus driver for the Florida Motor Lines and was second baseman on the State Championship Junior American Legion baseball team in 1936.

★ Miss Anne Presnall, Tallahassee, a trainee at the Lakehurst Naval Air Station has three brothers in the service. Lieut. George Presnall is with the Army paratroops in Italy, Gunner's Mate John Presnall is on a Navy destroyer, while Carpenter's Mate Von Paul Presnall is serving with the Seabees in the south Pacific. Miss Presnall was formerly employed in the Tallahassee weather bureau.

★ Lt. Col. George E. Lynch, U. S. W., Orlando, was one of the first men up Hill 960 in Italy during a recent advance, according to Associated Press reports. He and his men overcame the massed strength of a German infantry company on the hill and captured 30

Germans. Hill 960 has been placed beside the famed bloody Hill 609 in north Africa as a monument to American courage.

★ Major Paul Halliwell, Miami, has been awarded the Legion of Merit medal for outstanding effort in connection with the Cairo international conferences. Halliwell worked on intelligence and secretarial arrangements for the conference, and in making the presentation Major General Ralph Royce, commander of the American forces in the middle east, said "you have contributed to the successful termination of this war."

★ Tech. Sgt. Lawrence M. Vaughn, Alachua, radio operator and gunner of a Liberator, recently returned from Italy wearing the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal for hazardous raids on Ploesti and Rome. His plane participated in the first attack on railroad yards near Rome. He also was aboard the leading ship which made a treetop height attack on the Rumanian oil field at Ploesti.

★ T/Sgt. John F. Nicholson, Osceola, has been awarded the 8th Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal. He is in the north Africa theatre of operations.

★ Lieut. William H. Gill, Lutz, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism in 200 hours of long range bombing missions against Japanese in the southwest Pacific.

★ Major General Roy S. Geiger, born in Middleburg and a graduate of Stetson University, recently made Commander of the Marines in the south Pacific still flies his own plane. General Geiger, 58 years old is called "Old Poker Face" by his men, and was the first air officer of general rank to command an amphibious operation in the Pacific. In World War I he was a major commanding a Marine bombing group. He holds the Navy Cross, Presidential Union Citation, Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal and the Victory Medal.

★ Capt. William H. Thompson, Jr., Starke, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross after participating in 200 hours of operational flight in the southwest Pacific.

★ S/Sgt. Raymond G. Murphy, Jacksonville, has been awarded the Silver Star. He was a member of the six-men crew of an American tank destroyer attacking German positions in Italy.

★ After damaging a submarine midway across the Atlantic between Brazil and Africa, Lieut. William R. Ford, Crescent City, pilot of a Navy Liberator, returned to Ascension Island to refuel and pick up a partly new crew and then went back for the final kill. On another plane participating in the sinking of the submarine was George Ernst, 23 of Holly Hill, and James F. Bennett, 19 of near Jacksonville.

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R. BRUCE MEFFERT has been re-elected chairman of the Marion County board for a six months' term. Dr. E. G. Lindner was reappointed county health officer and Wallace G. Sturgis was again named county attorney.

■ Members of the Hardee County board have been petitioned by the county school board for funds to help maintain schools from race-track funds. The board was told that schools could not be maintained on a proper plane unless more money was forthcoming.

■ The Lake County board has rejected for the second time bids for the installation of fluorescent lights in some rooms of the courthouse. All bids were considered too high and the board will wait until the price comes down.

■ Highlands County is advertising for bids on highway maintenance equipment, including a road patrol or grader and other machinery.

■ Hillsborough County has agreed to pay damages of \$170 to a man who was injured when he was deputized to assist a deputy in making an arrest.

■ Monroe County has denied obligation of \$62.85 in court costs claimed by the State Fresh Water Fish and Game Commission. The Monroe board declares that some other county must be responsible as the cases are not on record in that county.

■ Guilford McCall, commissioner from the fifth district, has been elected chairman of the Suwannee County board. His election was unanimous.

■ C. A. Weis, secretary of the Escambia budget commission has resigned, declaring in his resignation letter to Governor Holland that he believed both county and school budgets were carefully scrutinized in Tallahassee.

■ D. Orville Harris, son of the late Commissioner W. B. Harris has been elected chairman of the Pinellas County board. Heads of all departments under control of the commission were reappointed.

■ Lloyd F. Boyle, Sanford, has been named attorney for the Seminole County board, succeeding Ernest F. Householder who had held the office for a number of years.

■ Orange County commissioners have reelected E. D. Cook chairman, and reappointed all department heads.

■ For the first time in many years Volusia County commissioners have included the names of negroes on the jury list. The action was taken after the United States and Florida supreme courts had ruled that a negro cannot legally be tried if responsible officials have discriminated against his race.

■ Madison County commissioners have contributed \$100 toward the erection

of a service monument on the courthouse grounds. In considering making the donation the board held that the monument would be an educational and cultural asset to the county.

■ Leon County commission has pledged itself to assist in the \$123,000 development of athletic and recreational facilities in the Benson Field area around the Leon County school.

■ J. P. Harllee, Sr., Palmetto, has been named chairman of the Manatee school board succeeding John T. Knight, Bradenton. Commissioner Harllee has served as chairman of the board for a total of 13 years and has represented the Palmetto district since 1925.

■ The Sumter County Times has been designated official Sumter County newspaper for 1944.

■ John C. Curry has been reelected chairman of the Gadsden County board. Peter Woodbery was elected vice chairman and W. B. Doss reemployed as attorney.

■ Baker County is out of debt for the first time in several years, according to announcement of the commission, which is headed by Chairman W. B. Taylor of Sanderson.

■ Dixon V. Herring has been elected chairman of the Leon County commission, succeeding B. G. Phillips. Phillips, who held the chairmanship for five years is president of the State Association of County Commissioners and was elected vice chairman of the board.

■ Columbia County commission will be headed this year by W. W. Douberley.

■ A. A. Poston has been reelected chairman of the Palm Beach commission. Poston is entering his tenth year as chairman of the board and his twelfth as a member. Commissioners C. Y. Byrd and Doyle Crocker also are beginning their twelfth years.

■ Hamilton County has elected J. V. McCall chairman of the board for 1944, C. C. Bullard has been named vice chairman and the Jasper News designated as official newspaper.

■ County Attorney John Blocker of Pinellas County, is conducting experiments in canning meat of the Florida gopher.

■ Dade County commissioners have asked for priorities on bulkheads to protect the fill already dredged into place on the Virginia Key causeway. Scarcity of materials has prevented completion of the causeway and commissioners are trying to save work already done.

■ Joe F. Hammond, veteran member of the Duval board of county commissioners has been reelected chairman for a six months' term. All committees

are to remain the same and County Attorney J. Henry Blount was appointed for another term.

■ St. Lucie County has made arrangements to care for the disposal of culled citrus fruit and vegetable refuse. The commissioners will stand the expense of digging a trench on the Ft. Pierce city incinerator site.

■ Hillsborough County's budget board has agreed to increase the appropriation for salaries at the county hospital, providing available money can be found. The money will be used to augment salaries of employees affected by the higher cost of living.

Counties Collect Huge Amount from Delinquents

Florida counties during the past two years have collected \$6,383,990 in delinquent taxes for years prior to 1941, according to a statement of Comptroller J. M. Lee.

The total comes from reports of tax certificate sales and redemptions in 61 counties.

There were no reports from Bay, Citrus, Levy, Liberty, Suwannee or Taylor Counties.

Lee said "application of modern sales and advertising methods" for disposal of delinquent tax certificates had been largely responsible for success of drives to collect back levies.

"The results have astounded everyone—including the taxpayers themselves."

He reported that the 61 counties collected \$2,775,692 in past-due taxes during 1941-42 and \$3,608,298 in the year ending last June 30.

Dade County led in collection of delinquencies with \$1,386,280. Collections in other counties included, Palm Beach \$1,012,760, Hillsborough \$639,534, Pinellas \$356,881, Broward \$240,943, Polk \$209,123, Duval \$184,020, St. Lucie \$143,592, Volusia \$138,258, Escambia \$136,511, Manatee \$122,672, Lee \$59,337, Sarasota \$53,164, Putnam \$30,831, St. Johns \$21,669, Leon \$19,655.

FLORIDA PRODUCTION OF VEGETABLES GOING UP

J. B. Owens, vegetable analyst of the Federal Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Orlando, reports substantial increase in Florida vegetable production for 1944.

Owens says that the present acreage and yield prospects of most Florida vegetable crops are far ahead of previous years.

VET EXPENDITURE

Veterans administration expenditures in Florida during the 1943 fiscal year amounted to \$11,623,160.

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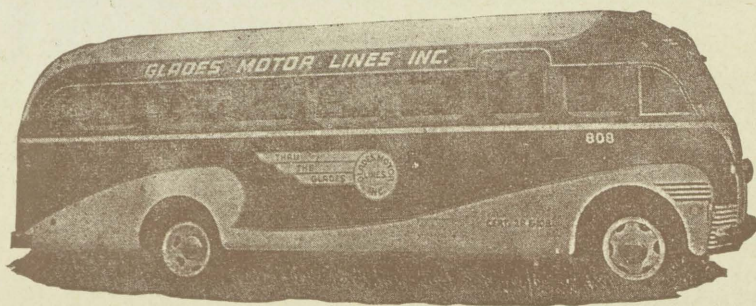
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1943 Construction

Florida's construction industry, despite shortages and government restrictions handled \$188,000,000 in contracts in 1943, the research division of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce reports.

Construction volume in 1943 was \$115,000,000 or 38 percent under the 1942 figure of \$303,000,000, which was the highest ever reached, far exceeding even the frantic building of the Florida "boom" years. Although under 1942, the 1943 figure was \$58,000,000 or 45 percent over the \$130,000,000 volume attained in 1941, the highest prewar year.

High-priority government construction, including that for military needs accounted for most of the State's total. More than 94 percent, or \$178,000,000 was for public construction. Private construction of \$10,000,000 accounted for less than six percent of the total. Industrial building averaged only slightly over \$500,000 per month, compared with a prewar monthly average of more than \$2,000,000.

The drop from 1942 to 1943 was less severe in Florida than in most States. In the sixteen Southern States volume dropped more than 61 percent, compared with the Florida drop of 38 percent. In the continental United States the U. S. Department of Commerce has estimated 1943 new construction at \$7,700,000, a decline of 43 percent from the record 1942 total.

Outlook for the industry in 1944 is not too good, on the basis of the U. S. Department of Commerce forecasts. It is anticipated that for the continental United States the 1944 total will be only 51 percent of 1943 and 29 percent of 1942. While Florida, because of its military importance and for other reasons may confidently expect a better average, indications are that the State's volume will drop back to the under-\$100,000,000 prewar level.

Low Bids

Apparent low bids for construction work for the Florida State Road Department have been submitted as follows:

Constructing bridge over north arm of Bayou Grande on Road 608 in Escambia County, Hardaway Contracting company, Columbus, Ga., \$104,826.

Duval Engineer and Contractor Company, Jacksonville, paving of 4.391 miles of Road 560 in Duval County between Atlantic Beach and the Mayport Naval Base, \$144,344.24.

M. J. Carroll Contractor Company, Leesburg, construction of 1.747 miles of pavement and 30-foot concrete bridge on Road 3 in Clay County be-

tween Green Cove Springs and Orange Park, \$97,850.54.

Smith Engineering and Construction Company, Pensacola, paving of 4.671 miles of Road 537 in Escambia County between Road 7 and Road 1-A, \$133,255.89.

Duval Engineer and Contractor Company, Jacksonville, paving and drainage of 2.225 miles of Road 68 in Clay County between Road 139 and Orange Park, \$64,977.42.

R. H. Blackwell, Jacksonville, reconstruction of burned portion of bridge over Choctawhatchee River on Road 1 in Holmes County, \$121,373.80.

Cleary Brothers Construction Company, West Palm Beach, construction of a 700-foot bridge across West Bay Creek in Bay County on Road 10, \$250,819.44.

Waterways Projects

Florida projects approved by the House Rivers and Harbor Committee include:

St. Johns River, Jacksonville to ocean, \$725,000; Palatka to Lake Harney, \$290,000.

Intracoastal waterway from Jacksonville to Miami, 12-foot channel, \$11,789,000; channel to Vero Beach, \$7,300; channel to Sebastian, \$19,000.

Canaveral Harbor, \$830,000; St. Lucie Inlet, \$46,000; New River, \$60,000; Miami Harbor, \$5,781,000; Miami River, \$77,200; intracoastal waterway from Miami to Key West, \$1,830,000; waterway from Punta Rasa to Fort Pierce and Stuart, \$208,000.

Channel to and basin at Fort Myers, \$5,100; intracoastal waterway from the Caloosahatchee River to the Anclote River, \$3,200,000; Little Manatee River, \$77,000.

Tampa harbor, Alafia River, \$189,000; Hillsborough River, \$60,000.

Anclote River, \$10,000; Pithlachascoe River, \$51,000; St. Marks River, \$71,000; intracoastal waterway from Apalachicola Bay to St. Marks River, \$32,500; Apalachicola, Chattahoochee and Flint Rivers, Georgia and Florida, \$6,500,000; St. Josephs Bay, entrance channel and turning basin, \$225,000; Pensacola harbor, \$162,000.

Navy Projects Okehed

The U. S. Navy has approved the following Florida construction projects: Pensacola—\$354,000 for barracks at Barin and Whiting Fields.

Key West—\$164,500 for extension of a dispensary and mosquito control project, Boca Chica Naval Air Station. Also \$11,000 for naval operating base building.

Miami—\$140,000 for barracks, master airport, naval air station.

Fort Lauderdale—\$15,560 for Port Everglades boat facilities, naval air station, and \$34,300 for barracks.

Vero Beach—\$23,000 for improved drainage facilities at Stuart and Fort Pierce Fields, naval air station.

Sanford, DeLand, Melbourne and Lake City—\$34,300 each for naval air station barracks.

Fort Pierce—\$45,000 for construction of magazines and storage building at amphibious training base.

Jacksonville—\$19,500 for two high explosive and two fuse detonator magazines at naval air station.

Key West—\$9,000 for two magazines for small arms ammunition at naval air station.

Miami—\$10,000 for two fixed ammunition magazines at submarine chaser training center, and \$8,500 for magazine for depth charges at coast guard depot.

Other Projects

Other projects in Florida receiving Federal approval include:

St. Petersburg—Federal contribution for extension of recreation facilities for service men increased from \$13,986 to \$23,007 and period of operation extended through September 30, 1944.

Hillsborough County—Federal construction for child care facilities increased from \$29,400 to \$85,052 and period of operation extended to June 30, 1944.

Bradenton—Federal grant of \$4,144 for a new project for recreational facilities for service men approved with period of operation to last through June 30, 1944.

Charters Granted

Secretary of State R. A. Gray has granted the following charters:

Eastport Construction Co., Jacksonville; construction, 500 shares no par value; Charles L. Gaines, L. E. Wolfson, M. Clements, directors.

Wells Corp., Miami Beach; real estate, 50 shares no par value; M. S. Solomon, Pauline Samet, V. Launer, directors.

Roney Plaza Corp., Miami Beach; real estate, 100 shares no par value; Pauline Samet, V. Launer, M. S. Solomon, directors.

Nissim Hadjes, Inc., Miami; real estate, 25 shares no par value; Nissim Hadjes, I. A. Morris, E. F. P. Brigham, directors.

Capitol Confections, Inc., Miami; confections, 50 shares no par value; A. B. Bernstein, N. Hodgson, E. M. Bristow, directors.

Mann Seafood, Inc., St. Petersburg; seafoods, 50 shares \$100 par value; H. (Continued on page 49)

PAROLE COMMISSION AT WORK

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by the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions.

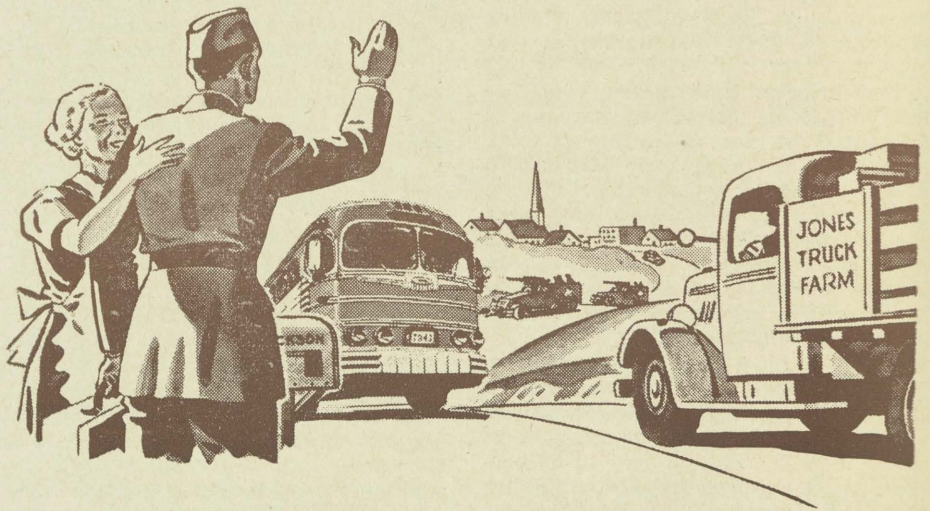
Starting literally from scratch, for at the time we did not even have a scratch pad, the commission went to work on October 7, 1941. I was honored by my colleagues in being chosen the first chairman, the law under which the commission was created calling for the election of a chairman each two years. Carrying out the rotation plan, Cheney became chairman in October 1943.

The law stipulated a merit examination system for our supervisors and examinations were held. As a result, financing being limited to \$75,000 a year, six district supervisors were named and we also selected a supervisor to be on duty at the State Prison. In addition we chose the late Mrs. Herbert Felkel as a supervisor and she rendered excellent service to the Commission to within 36 hours of her death which came after an automobile accident.

The law permitted counties having criminal courts of record to finance special supervisors, to be appointed by the commission, and as a result of examinations, a special supervisor was named for Hillsborough County and early last year a special supervisor was chosen for Palm Beach County. While probationers released by the judges of the criminal courts of record in Dade and Duval Counties are technically in the custody of this commission, the commission has nothing to do with the appointment of those supervisors, that being by the governor under special laws.

The main credit for the commission's successes to date, other than the fine attitude of confidence as expressed by the public generally, particularly through the newspaper editorial columns should go to the sturdy, although woefully small, group of supervisors in the field and our clerical staffs. Under the direction of Roy W. Russell, who is now serving his country as a lieutenant in the United States Navy the district supervisors who have rendered yeoman service for the State of Florida in this work are: Jerome F. Eastham (who relieved Loris R. Bristol as the State Prison institutional supervisor after Bristol resigned to assume a post on the University of Florida faculty—Eastham has been our district supervisor in the extreme western part of the State); Lee Roy Wasdin of Live Oak; Keith Wilson of Jacksonville (Wilson relieved J. Hopps Barker who left the Federal Probation Service at the start of this program and was a powerful factor for the commission in the Jacksonville area until he was called into the United States Army early in last January); Robert B. Gramling of Orlando; E. Fremont Breazeale of West Palm Beach; Richard D. Dodge of Miami;

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Getting down to brass tacks insofar as statistics are concerned, here is proof, in my opinion of the commission's efforts:

As of February 1, 1944, the commission had granted 1,166 paroles, and the courts of the State, other than in the criminal courts of record of Dade and Duval Counties had placed 737 men and women under probation; that is, released them under the commission's supervision with the idea in mind that rehabilitation could be accomplished without prison sentences.

Since the creation of the commission, that is, since the first paroles were granted on December 22, 1941 through December 31, 1943, parolees and probationers under the commission's supervision earned a total of \$1,433,107.66. The Duval County criminal court of record probationers, according to reports filed with this office by Officer P. Bedford Wright, who has cooperated wholeheartedly with the commission's efforts earned \$95,098.08 during 1943. Figures on the Dade County probationers had not been furnished this office as this is being written. Parolees and probationers from their earnings are supporting upwards of 2,000 dependents.

Paroles revoked by the commission since its creation number 52; that is, as of February 1, 1944 the parole failures had numbered 4.5 percent of the total parole releases. The lowness of the violation figures is due to excellent case work in some particularly tough cases by our supervisors, and by the over-all good economic situation which confronted parolees as they left prison, for now more than ever a man or woman can make it the right way if they have the desire to work and live as law-abiding citizens.

As of February 1, there were 237 parolees and probationers in the United States Army, United States Navy and the United States Marines, with a number of others in the merchant marine. These were men who otherwise would have been in prison and of the total a number in the Army are high noncommissioned officers and many are first class privates. The earnings of the men in the armed forces are not represented in the total of \$1,433,107.66.

As of January 1, Florida was supervising 94 parolees and probationers from other States, under the interstate compact. The State, however is well on the debit side of the ledger,

for other States were, as of January 1, supervising for Florida 218 parolees and 24 probationers.

So that the readers of Florida Highways may understand the commission's procedure looking toward releasing individuals on parole, the following is a brief explanation:

As a man or woman enters the State Prison, he or she is interviewed there by our institutional supervisor, who prepares for the commission's information the story of the crime as related to him and the official information concerning the individual's criminal record.

The three members of the commission review the reports from the State Prison and decide the date when the particular case should be reconsidered, or if immediate investigations should be undertaken. A person is eligible for parole after serving one-third of the sentence where such is up to 18 months, and after serving six months in those cases where the sentences are for 18 month or longer.

If investigations are ordered, the supervisor in the district where the crime was committed is asked to make a thorough investigation, including the background of the individual. If no job has been offered, that supervisor is asked to contact the family or friends of the prisoner looking toward the gaining of a promise of employment. The commission has proceeded on the theory that the pris-

oner should make the effort, either personally or through relatives or friends to obtain promises of employment, for we feel that something handed out on silver platters is many times not appreciated. However, in some instances where the prisoner's efforts have failed we have gained employment. Particularly cooperative

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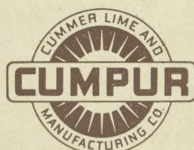
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in that have been the State Road Department officials.

If the individual in question has employment offered out of the State, we ask the other State to investigate the situation there in all its varied aspects and advise us if the person will be accepted for supervision if released on parole. That is where the interstate compact comes into effect.

If the job is offered in a district other than the one in which the crime was committed, the supervisor of that district is asked to investigate the job, probable living conditions, etc.

The various reports then come back to the three commissioners and it is then decided whether the individual should remain in prison, either for a time certain or until released by expiration, or should be immediately given an opportunity as a parolee.

If the granting of the parole appears on the record to be indicated, the members of the commission then authorize that the individual should be interviewed by at least one member of the commission. In only one instance, and that at the start of the program has a person left prison without having been seen at least one time by a member of the commission. During 1942, members of the commission interviewed 3,571 prisoners, seeing all the men and women then in the State Prison system, together with a few in county prisons who were under the commission's jurisdiction. During 1944 the interviews totaled 1,193 individuals.

Final parole decision is based on the recommendation of the interviewing commissioners, plus the judgment by other commissioners of the individual concerned on the record.

Let me emphasize the commission makes every effort to handle the paroles on the right basis for society's protection. We are only human, however and my colleagues and I fully realize that we have already and will continue to release men and women from prison who do not have the proper attitude toward their fellowmen and who will commit, perhaps horrible crimes. We know, too, that we will keep in prison individuals who, if released would make good citizens.

You seldom hear of the man or woman who makes it on parole or probation, but please keep in mind when you read of a parole or probation failure that there are literally thousands upon thousands who are making the grade admirably on parole or probation.

The commission has no pardon authority, dealing exclusively in the release from prison of men and women under supervision. The Pardon Board is still in existence to handle those cases where individuals have been wrongfully convicted. While there is nothing to prevent the Pardon Board from an indiscriminate release of prisoners, the Parole Commission has had splendid cooperation from Governor Spessard L. Holland, Secretary of

State Robert A. Gray, Comptroller James M. Lee, Attorney General J. Tom Watson and Commissioner of Agriculture Nathan Mayo. Those high-ranking State officials, all elected by the people have placed no stumbling blocks in the efforts of the commission to handle prison release problems fairly and squarely, be the individual involved white or black, rich or poor, Protestant, Catholic or Jew.

The Board of Commissioners of State Institutions is composed of the members of the Pardon Board and two other cabinet members, Superintendent of Public Instruction Colin English and Treasurer J. Edwin Larson. Those two men have also cooperated thoroughly with the commission in all fiscal and other matters pertaining to the work which has come before the larger group, which in the first place was charged with appointing the commissioners.

In addition to the serious task of handling the parole and probation matters, the commission is the appeal agency where automobile drivers' licenses have been revoked. The revocations average about 200 a month, the commission handling all appeals where rules of procedure are properly carried out. The members of the commission accepted the responsibility in the hope that their actions might be a factor in the proper enforcement of the traffic laws and that we might also help those involved in violations toward a better understanding so as to prevent recurrences. In no instance has the commission ordered the return of a license without there being conditions attached designed to help in law enforcement and in better understanding on the offender's part of the necessity to give attention to the rights of others. During 1942, 205 persons asked the commission to restore licenses. After investigations, 142 licenses were ordered restored and of that number only three were again revoked. During 1943, there were 227 licenses, with 181 being restored. The revocations numbered five.

The members of the commission view with much concern the post-war period and we know that for society to be properly protected we must be better equipped with manpower. We really need a supervisor for each of the State's 15 judicial circuits, instead of the eight district men we now have. If properly staffed, the commission would be in a position to give prompt service to the presiding judges in making presentence investi-

gations (so necessary if there is proper justice in criminal cases) and we will be able to work toward rehabilitation of individuals who have been counter to the law.

If there were the proper number of supervisors on duty we would also be in a position to make the necessary investigations ourselves in the drivers' license cases. As it is, we have to rely on the investigations made for us by the Department of Public Safety. While we have had the finest cooperation from Director J. J. Gilliam and the officers of the department, nevertheless, they are primarily law-enforcement officials and should not be burdened with investigation work incident to things which have occurred in their law-enforcement efforts.

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HOW DADE COUNTY DEALS WITH WAR

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but even before he had acquired office he showed an intimate knowledge of the county's business. He keeps regular office hours five days a week, working full time on county business and is occasionally called upon to go to Washington or elsewhere on public affairs. Agricultural welfare of the county is one of his deepest interests and he has proven an able executive.

Veteran member Charles H. Crandon, a former chairman is one of the best-informed members of the commission on financial affairs. He is head of the Crandon Wholesale Drug Co., and assistant to the president of the First National Bank in Miami. He is the originator of the county's park plan and is responsible for wide-scale highway beautification. The proposed Crandon Park on Biscayne Key bears his name, his fellow commissioners having voted unanimously to so honor him for his outstanding accomplishments in park creation and in obtaining without cost to the county extensive land gifts for park purposes.

Another veteran commissioner, J. Lamar Paxson, shortly to retire after ten years' service has extensive fruit growing and vegetable growing and shipping interests and his withdrawal from the board is prompted by the belief he can be of more service to the Nation in the war emergency as a producer than as a county executive. He has oversight of the county home and hospital and also a deep interest in agricultural development and county finances. He also is an ex-chairman of the board.

Commissioner N. P. (Neighbor) Lowrey, a former city of Miami building department head and eight years a member of the commission has largely interested himself in planning and zoning. As immediate past chairman of the board, he is largely responsible for smoothing out obstacles which led to the inception of the principal projects now interesting the commission. He is well known about the Nation's Capital and has been of considerable aid to the county in furthering matters in which the county is interested. He is greatly interested in post-war development, particularly in Dade's development in aviation and industrial fields.

Commissioner Hugh Peters, a city dweller is chairman of the county's road and bridge committee, and has been primarily responsible for adjusting the county's highway and bridge program to wartime levels. It was at his suggestion that the commission pared its personnel and equipment and set about a conservation which has put his department in the money-making instead of the money-spending class.

Dade County's Defense Council, an organization which comes under the

direct supervision of the county commission, formed of citizens who have volunteered their services to meet any war emergency receives about \$2,500 a month from the county for its operation. The council is equipped to fight fires, man first-aid stations, transport injured to hospitals, send forth air raid alarms and post airplane spotters. Movements of planes in the area are clocked through a central control station. The county has furnished the council with trucks for fire fighting and other uses, established numerous first-aid stations and otherwise cooperated fully with the council.

Since the inception of its plan to aid the war effort in every way, the county commission has laid emphasis on keep-

ing the health of the county at a high level. The county maintains one of the highest rated charity hospitals, a \$483,100 institution, attended by the best medical and surgical practitioners and is connected with the cities of Miami and Coral Gables by daily bus service, arranged for by the county commission. The county also maintains free clinics in the northern part of the county and at Homestead.

Other public health services are performed by the Dade County health unit, largest local health service in Florida, formed by the amalgamation of the health units of the county and its municipalities. This organization was brought about by Commissioner Crandon, who is chairman of its ad-

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visory board. Under the direction of the unit, a campaign for the eradication of venereal disease has been launched. The unit is headed by Dr. T. E. Cato, former head of the county's health department.

A county operation which has received very close cooperation from Federal forces is the organization for mosquito eradication. Formed several years ago this organization, which has Fred Stutz as its director, produced such results in Dade County, Broward County joined with Dade in its support and the operations were extended to cover both counties. As a result of methodical ditching, a constant check of mosquito breeding grounds and flights and educational work, the mosquito nuisance has been greatly abated. Specimens of malaria and dengue fever carrying mosquitoes are seldom found in Dade. Since Miami is a foreign port of entry for both ships and planes, however, it is necessary for a constant check to be made.

Since military training and convalescent operations have assumed considerable proportions in Dade County, Federal health agencies have joined with the district working force in combating mosquitoes, with the result that the eradication program has been considerably advanced.

Dade County's financial status and departmental operations, insofar as the vast detail work is concerned, comes under the oversight of County Commission Clerk Harry Sweeting, who has so organized the work that he is able to report almost instantly to the commission on any phase. He has had an intimate knowledge of county operations during 13 years of service. He is assigned to the work by E. B. Leatherman, clerk of circuit court, and is a deputy of that office.

Foresight of Dade County's purchasing agent, William D. Joyce has been greatly responsible for the county functions continuing smoothly. Foreseeing restrictions in certain supplies long before they came about, he advised the commission to purchase such materials in wholesale lots and store them. As a result, the county has on hand supplies of most vital materials sufficient to last several years. He has also assisted the commission materially in overcoming obstacles in procuring materials for construction, the need for which could not be foreseen.

Construction of a new \$50,000 bridge on a main north-south thoroughfare has just been completed in Dade County. It is probably the only bridge in Florida, financed entirely with county funds, to be started during the war emergency. State nor Federal funds were sought for the project but start of construction was long delayed, due to the difficulty in obtaining priorities for use of materials. County Engineer Earle M. Rader, who supervised the plans had to make repeated changes in design to advance its construction.

An unusual feature, which may be adopted in similar structures in future, is a platform for fishermen, designed to keep them out of the way of traffic.

Whole-hearted cooperation has been extended by the county commission to military authorities whenever called upon. The commission turned over its principal airport to the ferry command, has provided roads for the Richmond Field "blimp" base, closed a main north-south thoroughfare for airport expansion and met other requests of the military. In all such instances of engineering and construction cooperation, Rader has acted in the role of both engineer and liaison man in working out the details, and County Attorney Fred W. Cason in guarding against legal entanglements.

Commission members expect the county's return to normalcy to be as smoothly accomplished as was the gearing of the county's governmental machinery to wartime tempo. They foresee, however, that post-war normalcy will not be the same as that

before Pearl Harbor. The county has grown in importance industrially, and now there is every indication that it will continue to prosper in this field. Some of the busy airplane and boat plants now in operation have already gone on record through the press that they intend to continue to operate after the war, and county leaders confidently expect them to be a vanguard for other industries which will be attracted to Dade County by ideal working conditions and low cost of production.

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STATE ELECTRIC CHAIR NOW IS 20 YEARS OLD

Florida's electric chair, located at the State prison farm in Raiford is twenty years old this year. 101 men have met death in it but no woman has ever been electrocuted in Florida.

Hume Says Farmers Have Important Job

Dr. Harold H. Hume, provost for agriculture at the University of Florida is of the opinion that the American farmer will have to do what might be considered "the impossible," if he is to perform his part in the task of turning a favorable military position into the flood tide of victory in 1944.

"During the past two years," he said, "our farmers have amazed themselves and the rest of the world with the tremendous quantities of food and other war crops they have produced in spite of shortages of labor, machinery and materials, and they are now called on again to surpass their achievements of the past in 1944."

Provost Hume emphasized the growing needs for food for the armed forces of the United States and its Allies, the great need for food for the civilian population of this country, for other United Nations, and for the peoples of lands coming under control of the United Nations forces.

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"Food is necessary for physical strength, endurance and high morale for the soldier and the sailor and for the civilian population as well.

"And, of course, no one can overlook the way in which food will help us in the countries which are liberated by our armed forces."

Dr. Hume pointed out that better news from the fronts and "a good deal of wishful thinking" have resulted in some people thinking the end of the war is in sight, "but while it is certain that we will win this war, it is also true that we still have to overcome powerful and desperate enemies who will stop at nothing to prolong the conflict.

"It is unwise for any of us to think the war will end soon, it is wise only to put forth every effort and expend every energy to bring it to a victorious end as soon as possible.

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Forestry Men Take Instruction Course

Federal and State forestry men recently completed an intensive instruction course at Lake City designed to fit rangers and others to train men working under them in forest fire fighting.

Among those attending the meeting were the district forest rangers of the U. S. Forest Service, the acting supervisors for Florida, the State forester, district foresters, and county foresters.

Sessions were held at the U. S. Southern Experiment Station at Olustee.

The U. S. district forest ranger in charge of the Osceola National Forest was host forester and supervised local arrangements.

Upon their return home those attending will inaugurate the specialized training among those serving under them and with them.

Present from the U. S. Forest Service regional office in Atlanta were Seth Jackson, regional training officer, and E. W. Henshaw, assistant on the training program.

Attending also were John Squires, acting U. S. forest supervisor, Tallahassee; H. J. Malsberger, State forester; Joe R. Gramling, assistant State forester; and William Jacobs, assistant State forester in charge of public relations, all from Tallahassee; Fred Ames, district forest ranger in charge of the Ocala National Forest; Fred Harris, U. S. district forest ranger in charge of the Wakulla National Forest; M. B. Jones, district forest ranger in charge of the Apalachicola National Forest and others.

FLORIDA SOUTHERN GETS BEQUEST FROM TEACHER

Florida Southern College has been made the beneficiary of \$2,500 in the will of Miss Mary Hatch Hatter, Jacksonville. Miss Hatter was a school teacher in Jacksonville for many years and her estate amounted to \$70,000.

WHITING NAMED HEAD OF BEE LINE HIGHWAY

John Whiting, president of the Tami-am Trail Tours, Inc., Tampa, has been elected president of the Bee Line Highway Association, which is backing a direct highway from Tampa to West Palm Beach. Mrs. Hazel E. Lewis, Sebring, is secretary-treasurer.

In a skid, keep the front end of your car going in the same direction the rear end is sliding. If the rear end starts to slide to the left, turn the front wheels to the left also. This tends to revolve the weight of the car around its central point, and to swing the slipping rear end back where it started. Most important, always keep your foot OFF the brake pedal when in a skid.

Motorists Cannot Lop Gas Tax Off of Income

Florida motorists cannot deduct gasoline tax paid to the State from their income tax payment, according to the announcement of John L. Fahs, Federal collector of internal revenue.

The supreme court recently ruled that the tax on gasoline is levied against the dealer instead of the consumer. This prevents the man who uses the gas from getting credit for the State tax even though he actually pays it by having it added to the price of his gasoline. The ruling will give Florida approximately \$1,000,000 in taxes on gasoline sold to Federal agencies.

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Little Returns Dean of University College

Winston W. Little has returned to the University of Florida as dean of the general college after more than a year as a major in the Army.

Under the supervision of Dr. John J. Tigert, president, Little will direct the post-war planning program of the university, which plans to do its share in providing for the needs of released service men in again taking up their educational program.

Dean Little points out that many soldiers are now being discharged and that the Federal government is committed to a rehabilitation program in which they will be retrained or continue in their former course of education.

TO MAKE EXTENSIVE SURVEY OF AGRICULTURE

The U. S. Department of Agriculture bureau of agricultural statistics will conduct a most comprehensive survey of agriculture resources in Florida history next spring, according to announcement of W. F. Callander, Orlando, principal statistician. Questionnaires will be sent to 30,000 Florida farmers.

DANGER IN QUIETNESS

A very quiet engine is not always desirable, particularly for heavy pulling or speed. When tappets are adjusted so closely as to cause very little noise the valves, in being slammed down by the force of the burning gas in the cylinders, convey this directly to the camshaft, throwing it out of line so that serious and annoying knocks soon develop.

HOLLAND DEDICATES LAST YEAR

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ments and institutions are paid, had a balance of \$1,112,090.

There was about \$9,000,000 in various road-building funds to the credit of the State and its counties.

The citrus advertising funds had a total balance of \$526,892; the State welfare fund, \$314,587; the permanent State school fund, \$505,777; the teachers' retirement fund, \$370,108.

CONTRACTS

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T. Mann, Mrs. Addice Mann, Mrs. Velma Curtis, directors.

Aviation Supply Corp., of Florida, Orlando; aviation supplies, 100 shares \$100 par value; B. C. Nelson, L. G. Mason, A. S. Gowen, directors.

Royal Palm Club, Inc., Miami; club, 10 shares no par value; V. C. Giblin, V. E. Colson and L. H. Durkee, directors.

B. W. H. Corp., Pompano; real estate, 66 shares no par value; K. W. Baker, Russell Wilson and William Harned, directors.

Boland Realty, Inc., Pensacola; real

estate, 50 shares no par value; J. M. Boland, J. M. Kirchmaier, A. E. Fisher, directors.

Greater Miami Motor Club, Inc., Miami; motor club, 50 shares no par value; R. R. Reynolds, B. Shargaa, I. B. Semco, directors.

Miami Beach Resort Corp., Miami Beach; resort, 100 shares \$100 par value; E. L. Semple, H. V. Wells, C. C. Norman, directors.

S. M. B., Inc., Miami Beach; restaurant, 50 shares no par value; Herman Schatzberg, Samuel Bernstein, Harry Monaker, directors.

Biltmore Delicatessen and Restaurant, Inc., 25 shares no par value; V. Levine, L. Ertzberger, T. C. Mayes, directors.

Southland Manufacturing Co., Jacksonville; manufacturing, 500 shares \$100 par value; H. C. Lukenbill, O. T. Walker, J. P. Collins, directors.

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PEOPLE

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8. He was a past president of the American Society of Zoologists.

MISS CLAUDIA MCRAE, 66, Melrose, who served as secretary to her father, the late Dr. Frank McRae when he was a member of the State legislature from Putnam County died in Gainesville January 15.

HORACE B. COULTER, 66, secretary of the John H. Swisher & Son, Inc., Jacksonville, cigar manufacturer died January 9. He was nationally known in tobacco circles.

GARRETT C. PIER, 68, prominent archaeologist and Egyptologist from Greenwich, Conn., died in his home in St. Petersburg December 30. He was a former curator in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

GEORGE HANFORD HURLBERT, SR., 57, a patrolman of the Jacksonville police department whose 34 years of service in assisting children to and from schools made him a popular figure among young and old died in Jacksonville January 10.

CAPITAL CHATTER

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ing 1942, 867 Floridians died of tuberculosis. During the preceding year the count was 927. Duval County had the highest rate with Dade and Hillsborough following. The rate is higher among negroes than white people.

State Geologist Herman Gunter and Mrs. Eva Pennington Franklin were married in Blountstown on December 28.

Mrs. Mary E. Keown, State home demonstration agent, reports that 1943 was the banner year of all time for home canning of all kinds of food products. In Florida, she reports a total of nearly 9,000,000 containers of foodstuff preserved at home by Florida families.

Forty-one graduates of the Florida State College for Women, first semester, received their diplomas without ceremony on January 29. The usual commencement exercises were dispensed with.

Report of the State Highway Patrol shows that 51 persons, 12 of them members of the armed forces, were killed in Florida traffic accidents during December. This compares with 43 fatalities in the same month last year.

L. M. Kersey, St. Petersburg, has been appointed constable for the 1st Pinellas County district to succeed Victor Bradford.

J. R. Bullock has resigned as assistant attorney general to return to private law practice in West Palm Beach.

No changes will be made this year in the State school textbook list, according to announcement of the State cabinet acting on recommendation of the study courses committee, made up of school officials and teachers.

The State cabinet has reestablished a scholarship program at the University of Florida and Florida State College for Women for future teachers. Winners of competitive examinations, who sign agreements that they will teach school for at least two years following their graduation will receive scholarships of \$200 per school year.

FOURTH ESTATE

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at the 1945 session will probably have some pet scheme to spend whatever surplus funds may accrue between now and then. In all probability they will be frittered away, or appropriated to meet greater demands by some group which is always demanding more aid from the State.

What a blessing it would be for Florida and its taxpayers if plans could be set in motion for a State-wide reforestation program on State and county-owned lands, and put every extra dollar the State may have in its treasury into pine trees—millions of them.

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Florida could make no better use of its surplus tax monies than to invest them in pine trees—and the future greatness of Florida.—Ocala Star.

Where Are We?

"Any county or municipality that doesn't have a strong post-war program ready to be put into effect immediately after the war ends, will be left in the lurch," Governor Holland said at Winter Haven Monday night. He told of accumulated millions in State funds, millions in war bonds held by Floridians and a broad State industrial program stimulated by research at the University of Florida.

We have done lots of talking in this neck of the woods but the voices have been lost in the wilderness. Really, nobody around here thinks the war is going to last forever. Isn't it almost time that our projects be listed in numerical order?—Jacksonville Journal.

The Food Supply Line

Stressing the urgent need of more help in the big job of food production and processing, Governor Holland spoke from Tampa in a State-wide broadcast Tuesday. That job, the governor truly said, is "of vital importance to the Nation and to the cause of justice and freedom." His appeal was both to those now engaged in that work, that they avoid absenteeism, and to those who can do the work but are not now engaged in it.

To the former, he said: "The idleness of one worker for one day will reduce the amount of food made available in Florida to carry on the war." Workers should "resist the temptation to lay off for a day or two now and then—our boys who are fighting for us cannot lay off and I am confident that you will not let them down." The latter he urged to make every effort to get into work. "Leaders in farming and food processing tell me that there is in Florida a large number of competent men and women not now employed in essential work, who could fill the ranks of food workers and thus assure the greatest possible success of our food producing and processing task." He called attention to the liberal wages paid and that men, women, boys and girls are wanted, all to receive the same rate of pay.

"Food is ammunition," said the governor. "Florida has planted and cultivated vast acres in food crops. This

great store of war supplies will help defeat the enemies of our country and of civilization only when it has been gathered and made ready for shipment and use. It must be harvested, processed and shipped to our world-wide battle fronts before its weight will be felt by the armies of Hitler and Tojo. Florida has never failed in such a duty and Florida will not fail now."

This strong appeal of Governor Holland should not go unheeded. It should bring many more workers to the farms

and fields and processing plants. The "food supply line" is an essential battle line. This is "Food Fights For Freedom Month." Florida must not be a laggard in that line.—Tampa Morning Tribune.

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REPORT TO THE STATE

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will have to be ironed out. This suggests, I know, that your State chamber at work in your behalf is looked upon as being some kind of a monster to be appeased. Nothing could be further from the truth. For you we have taken a lot of Florida's troubles to Washington. We do this, however, always in the spirit of fair play and through our Florida congressional delegation, to which I would like to pay tribute.

My reference to our Washington delegation is not a mere gesture; it is more than that. In the immediate years ahead our delegation in the congress must rise to heights undreamt of by persons who have heretofore had a hand in the shaping of the destiny of this Nation. It is important that they and we recognize the full weight the post-war era will bring to bear upon human capabilities, the strain and stress it will impose upon our managerial skills and that we move now to condition ourselves for the blow.

Washington officialdom at war's end will face domestic and foreign problems of the utmost gravity. Florida's ambassadors—her senators and representatives—in those trying days ahead will need the counsel of their constituents, as their constituents will need the counsel of these envoys.

A State is not made prosperous by the consciousness exploitation of its human and material resources. On the contrary it must husband the sources of its income, while employing them wisely, and it must not only prevent its workers from being mercilessly exploited but must safeguard their well-being. This is a social-minded age and full recognition given this fact will better enable us to meet the post-war challenge.

I don't think I need say that the two major political parties in this country are in virtual agreement in this premise.

On the purely domestic scene I think I ought to tell you first that since 1916—the year the State chamber was founded—an estimated 830,000 persons have come to live with us in Florida.

There were but 528,542 persons living in Florida at the turn of the century. Today, 2,084,500 persons claim Florida as their home State.

Their earnings last year totaled in the neighborhood of \$1,363,000,000. Our per capita income is greater than that of any other Southeastern State, with the exception of Virginia. It is greater than that of Alabama with her giant iron, coal and steel industry. Of North Carolina with all its textile and tobacco industries. Of Oklahoma with all its gas and oil. Almost as great as that of Texas, that empire of cattle and oil. It increased in 1942 over 1939 greater than that of any State of the Union, with but one exception.

I lay these figures before you, of course, with a great deal of pride. I lay them before you for a greater reason. We not only want to hold what we have gained—we want our economic muscles to fairly bulge, so that we can give work to the other thousands of persons who want to live in Florida. Wealth attracts wealth, and we must hold our prewar gains—albeit we will be faced at war's end with the strongest competition we have ever encountered.

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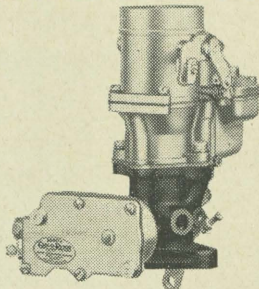
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One division is at work with our retail merchants. Another with highway safety groups, and still another with sports and recreation. One is concerned with the technological mechanics applicable to our State—the New Industries Advisory Division—for which our research department has just completed a statistical abstract of the whole State, a voluminous work which will be of inestimable value also to our Post-war Planning Division. The past summer researchers at our headquarters turned out a manufacturers' directory of the State, copies of which were ordered by several hundred out-of-State firms seeking to do business with Florida's manufacturers. It will interest you to know that Florida processing firms numbering more than 1,000 are today using this book as a buyers' guide thereby adding strength to our home economy. Florida has provided more than one and one-quarter billion dollars worth of war facilities and supplies since June 1940. Florida shipbuilding and ship supplies for the armed and merchant services during this time totaled more than \$549,-191,000.

Our division concerned with advertising this past summer arranged for the showing of Florida State-owned films in theatres accessible to great numbers of service men and women being trained in our State.

This division has noted with great interest that Agricultural Commissioner Mayo, at the legislature's request, published a booklet for distribution to service men, our invitation to them to settle in Florida at war's end. This division is now conducting a test campaign in a number of Northern, Eastern and mid-West newspapers to develop lists of prospective farm and real estate buyers. It is yet too early to report on results except to say that much correspondence has ensued.

Our Post-war Division's activities have been confined necessarily to a study of symptoms, and of blueprinting certain known characteristics upon which dependence may be placed when the time comes for exerting pressure.

Our post-war studies are being made jointly by the State Planning Board, Florida Economic Advancement Council and the State Chamber of Commerce. Researchers are delving into all manner of economic subjects, after patterns laid down by the more aggressive private and public agencies.

Our Aviation Division late in the summer summarized in a bulletin to members what appeared to it to be Florida's position in the flight transportation industry—or might be the State's position at war's end. Much speculation naturally was indulged in. The bulletin received broad out-of-the-State recognition.

A short time ago, acting upon a leg-

islative suggestion, Governor Holland named a committee to make a thorough study of the subject and to make its report to the 1945 session.

At the same time the governor took steps to further post-war planning, through the appointment of an aviation consultant to the staff of the State Planning Board.

It has been my pleasure to serve the State, through appointment by Governor Holland as Florida's war agencies' liaison agent. My work with government agencies, I believe, has been most helpful to the business interests of Florida, especially in the matter of war contract procurement. You already know, or most of you that the State chamber serves the Florida Economic Advancement Council as its fact finding agency. I mentioned that

we had published a manufacturers' directory and that we had completed a statistical abstract of the State's sixty-seven counties. This work was carried on, a great proportion of it at least, with the aid of funds supplied

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The foresight of the State chamber in its advocacy some years ago of the establishment of an Engineering Experiment Station at the University in Gainesville gives promise of "paying off" in the near future. The legislature of 1941 gave life to the proposal when it appropriated \$50,000 annually for industrial research. Funds will be released next month for the carrying on of a six months' program as the initial step.

Laboratory investigations will be made to determine how best to make use of Florida's textiles, fibres, oils, hides, clays, sands and minerals with a sharp eye on plastics possibilities.

I know that \$50,000 a year is hardly enough to carry on industrial research in so broad a field and in view of what is ahead of us; that there is danger that that sum will be spread too thin. We can only hope that this public fund will be wisely used and I have every reason to believe that it will be.

There is more privately conducted research going on in Florida today than at any time in the State's history in the agricultural and industrial fields. What has been discovered through research during the past twenty years has brought about the development in Florida of several huge industries and promise of others. The discovery of crude oil in Florida was announced only recently. It is my belief that within the next few years research programs are going to be sponsored in many fields by a number of old established Florida enterprises. In Georgia, a railroad system for the past seventeen years has met the costs entailed by one of the State's schools in the development through intensive research of fire brick from native clay. I throw this out as a hint to public spirited executives. Indeed, one Florida industry has had research tests, running at its expense, for several years at the University.

MINUTES ROAD DEPARTMENT

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authorized to execute for the Department the usual right of way contract with the County.

DADE COUNTY—ROAD 272—PROJECT 4560—RIGHT OF WAY

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Mr. Ward, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, pursuant to due authorization, the State Highway Engineer has had a sec-

tion of State Road No. 272, in Dade County, located and surveyed and has designated the same as Project 4560 (DA-WC 24) and has prepared a right of way map of said project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the State Road Department that it hereby approves the location and survey of said project and directs that a copy of said right of way map of such location and survey certified to by the Secretary and the Chairman of the Department, be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the judgment of the Department that the construction of said project is necessary, practical and to the best interest of the State, and that it is necessary that the right of way for the roadbed, ditches, and borrow pits for said project be acquired;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Department that said County be, and it is hereby requested and authorized, in its name, by its Commissioners, to secure by gift or condemnation, the lands necessary for the right of way for the roadbed for said project as shown on said map or plat, together with any and all easements for drainage ditches and borrow pits that may hereafter be found and determined necessary in the construction and maintenance of said project, and to convey the same to this Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that condemnation judgments, all fees and expenses incident to acquisition of necessary right of way, other than value of that portion now owned by the County, and except fees for

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DUVAL COUNTY—ROAD 596—PROJECT 6111—RIGHT OF WAY

On motion of Mr. Stockton, seconded by Mr. Ward, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, pursuant to due authorization, the State Highway Engineer has had a section of State Road No. 596, in Duval County, located and surveyed and has designated the same as Project 6111 and has prepared a right of way map of said project

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the State Road Department that it hereby approves the location and survey of said project and directs that a copy of said right of way map of such location and survey certified to by the Secretary and the Chairman of the Department, be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the judgment of the Department that the construction of said project is necessary, practical and to the best interest of the State, and that it is necessary that the right of way for the roadbed, ditches, and borrow pits for said project be acquired;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Department that said County be, and it is hereby requested and authorized, at its own expense, in its name, by its Commissioners, to secure by gift, purchase or condemnation, the lands necessary for the right of way for the roadbed for said project as shown on said map or plat, together with any and all easements for drainage ditches and borrow pits that may hereafter be found and determined necessary in the construction and maintenance of said project, and to convey the same to this Department, free of encumbrance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the County agrees to secure the right of way for the roadbed, ditches and borrow pits for said project, that the Chairman and the Secretary of the Department are hereby authorized to execute for the Department the usual right of way contract with the County.

LEE COUNTY—ROAD 183—PROJECT 1123—RIGHT OF WAY

On motion of Mr. Townsend, seconded by Mr. Stockton, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, pursuant to due authorization, the State Highway Engineer has had a section of State Road No. 183, in Lee County, located and surveyed and has designated the same as Project 1123 (5003) and has prepared a right of way map of said project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the State Road Department that it hereby approves the location and survey of said project and directs that a copy of said right of way map of such location and survey certified to by the Secretary and the Chairman of the Department, be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the judgment of the Department that the construction of said project is necessary, practical and to the best interest of the State, and that it is necessary that the right of way for the roadbed, ditches, and borrow pits for said project be acquired;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Department that said County be, and it is hereby requested and authorized, at its own expense, in its name, by its Commissioners, to secure by gift, purchase or condemnation, the lands necessary for the right of way for the roadbed for said project as shown on said map or plat, together with any and all easements for drainage ditches and borrow pits that may hereafter be found and determined necessary in the construction and

maintenance of said project, and to convey the same to this Department, free of encumbrance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the County agrees to secure the right of way for the roadbed, ditches and borrow pits for said project, that the Chairman and the Secretary of the Department are hereby authorized to execute for the Department the usual right of way contract with the County.

POLK COUNTY—ROAD 34—PROJECT 1220—RIGHT OF WAY

On motion of Mr. Townsend, seconded by Mr. Ward, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, pursuant to due authorization, the State Highway Engineer has had a section of State Road No. 34, in Polk County, located and surveyed and has designated the same as Project 1220 (5696) and has prepared a right of way map of said project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the State Road Department that it hereby approves the location and survey of said project and directs that a copy of said right of way map of such location and survey certified to by the Secretary and the Chairman of the Department, be filed in the of-

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the judgment of the Department that the construction of said project is necessary, practical and to the best interest of the State, and that it is necessary that the right of way for the roadbed, ditches, and borrow pits for said project be acquired;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Department that said County be, and it is hereby requested and authorized, at its own expense, in its name, by its Commissioners, to secure by gift, purchase or condemnation, the lands necessary for the right of way for the roadbed for said project as shown on said map or plat, together with any and all easements for drainage ditches and borrow pits that may hereafter be found and determined necessary in the construction and maintenance of said project, and to convey the same to this Department, free of encumbrance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the County agrees to secure the right of way for the roadbed, ditches and borrow pits for said project, that the Chairman and the Secretary of the Department are hereby authorized to execute for the Department the usual right of way contract with the County.

NASSAU COUNTY—ROAD 606—PROJECT 4567—RIGHT OF WAY

On motion of Mr. Stockton, seconded by Mr. Ward, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, pursuant to due authorization, the State Highway Engineer has had a section of State Road No. 606, in Nassau County, located and surveyed and has designated the same as Project 4567 and has prepared a right of way map of said project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the State Road Department that it hereby approves the location and survey of said project and directs that a copy of said right of way map of such location and survey certified to by the Secretary and the Chairman of the Department, be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the judgment of the Department that the construction of said project is necessary, practical and to the best interest of the State, and that it is necessary that the right of way for the roadbed, ditches and borrow pits for said project be acquired;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Department that said County be, and it is hereby requested and authorized, at its own expense, in its name, by its Commissioners, to secure by gift, purchase or condemnation, the lands necessary for the right of way for the roadbed for said project as shown on said map or plat, together with any and all easements for drainage ditches and borrow pits that may hereafter be found and determined necessary in the construction and maintenance of said project, and to convey the same to this Department free of encumbrance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the County agrees to secure the right of way for the roadbed, ditches and borrow pits for said project, that the Chairman and the Secretary of the Department are hereby authorized to execute for the Department the usual right of way contract with the County.

DEATH OF ROBERT EDGAR BEAUCHAMP, LT. USAAF

On motion of Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Townsend, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Lt. Robert Edgar Beauchamp, of Tallahassee, Florida, prior to his entering the Air Force of the United States Army was an employee of the State Road Department of Florida; and

WHEREAS it has come to the attention of the members of this Board that he has paid the supreme sacrifice in line of duty in the service of his country,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby express our deep regrets at the loss of this brave and loyal American and valued employee, and do hereby ex-

tend to his family our sincere sympathy in their sad loss.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be furnished to the family and a copy to the Press, and that it be spread upon the minutes of this meeting.

DEATH OF NIXON BUTT, FORMER MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT

On motion of Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Townsend, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret that the Members of this Department have learned of the recent death of Mr. Nixon Butt, former Member of this Department; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Butt performed long and distinguished service to his state and to his local community,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in the death of Mr. Butt the State of Florida, the County of Orange and the City of Orlando have suffered the loss of a loyal and patriotic citizen and a true friend, and his family a devoted husband and father.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Members of this Board wish to extend to Mrs. Butt and her family their sincere sympathy in this bereavement and wish this resolution to become a part of the recorded minutes of this meeting.

INCREASE IN APPROPRIATION FOR STREAM DATA

Mr. G. E. Ferguson, District Engineer for the U. S. Geological Survey, made a request that the amount to be set up in the budget for the cooperative project for collection of stream data be increased from \$4,500 to \$5,000 for the year, to take care of the increased cost of operation, transportation and labor. On motion of Mr. Townsend, seconded by

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Mr. Ward, the request was granted and the appropriation increased to \$5,500.00 for the year 1944.

DELEGATIONS AND REQUESTS

Brevard and Seminole Counties

The delegation from Brevard and Seminole Counties included the following men:

Senator Ernest F. Householder, Rep. M. B. Mann and Rep. L. B. Smith, Commissioner W. G. Kilbee, L. F. Boyle, Attorney, and Edward Higgins, Mayor of Sanford.

Senator Householder addressed the Board and asked for an appropriation on Road 140 in Brevard County; also asked for bridges at Melbourne, Titusville and Eau Gallie.

In behalf of Seminole County, he said they were working to acquire the right of way in Oviedo and on Road 203. He emphasized that Road 44, included in the budget, is a well recognized road on which work has not been started, and requested help on the section of Old Road 44, 4 miles of brick road from Lake Jesup to Geneva; also work on Park Avenue in Sanford.

Broward County

Mr. John Morris, Attorney for the Board of County Commissioners, and F. L. Neville, Chairman of that Board, appeared to request the Department to forgive Broward County its obligation to repay the \$20,000 advanced by the Road Department to obtain right of way for Road 4 through Dania.

Hillsborough County

Commissioners Fred Ball and Earl W. Simmons, and Attorney John Allison were the delegation from Hillsborough County. Mr. Ball filed the following requests:

1. Proceed with construction of Road 17 between Tampa and Oldsmar. Right of ways have been procured and it is understood that W.P.B. and other necessary approvals given.

2. Reconstruct Road 79 from Tampa to Polk County. Part of right of way secured, and will complete this when SRD furnishes other necessary information.

3. Take over for maintenance 22nd Street Causeway, Road 316 from Road 17 to Road 5. This is direct connection with three Tampa shipyards and a large portion of petroleum tanks of Tampa, and is used by heavy military traffic to Bradenton, Sarasota, etc.

4. Take over for maintenance and reconstruction Florida Avenue from Road 5 to Road 17.

5. Take over for maintenance Gunn Highway from Tampa to Pasco County line, to connect with Road 15, the scenic highway.

6. Take over for maintenance Ruskin-Polk County Line Road, which is State Road 30 starting at Road 23 at Ruskin and running east to the Polk County line.

7. Reconstruction of Memorial Highway one-half mile between Henderson Blvd. and Dale Mabry Highway.

9. Reconstruction of Road 23 north of Hillsborough County line, in Pasco County, to connect with Road 156 at Zephyrhills.

10. Mr. Ball also asked that Nebraska be extended to LaFayette Street as a part of the connecting link of the State Highway System.

Leon County

Mr. V. G. Phillips, Chairman of the Leon County Board of County Commissioners, and M. N. Yancey, City Manager of Tallahassee requested the Department to establish Gaines Street in Tallahassee, from Woodward Avenue to Monroe Street, as a connecting link between the Lake Bradford Road and Monroe Street, which is a part of U. S. Highway 319. He said that the County wishes to spend some money on the west four blocks of this street, from Railroad Avenue to Woodward, and cannot legally do this until the street has been established as a connecting link.

Manatee County

The Secretary presented a letter from the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, containing the following requests:

For Immediate Maintenance:

(1) Range Line Road: S.R. No. 356, from Manatee to Sarasota County line.

(2) Polk County Cut-off: S.R. No. 34, from junction with S.R. No. 32 to Polk Co. Line.
(3) Ellenton-Gillett Road: S.R. No. 310, from Ellenton to Gillett.

(4) Cortez Road: S.R. No. 18-A, from Tamiami Trail to Range Line Road.

For Immediate Construction:

(5) Approximately 3½ miles of relocation of S.R. No. 5, from Rocky Bluff to Palmetto.

For Construction under Post-War Program:

(6) S.R. No. 309, from Parrish to Road 361 at Sullivan Bridge.

(7) S.R. No. 63, from Sullivan Bridge to Myakka Head (S.R. 366).

(8) Relocation of the Tamiami Trail on new alignment due south from 10th Street, Bradenton, to a junction with the Trail at Whitfield Estates, including a new bridge over Bowlee's Creek.

Alternate Construction:

(9) Due to the very serious hazard that exists at the Bowlee's Creek curve, just north of Whitfield Estates, on S.R. No. 5, proper reconstruction of this section of S.R. No. 5 is vital to the public safety. New construction, along existing approved right of way alignment, is necessary.

The letter contained further explanation of the above requests.

Nassau County

The delegation from Nassau County registered as J. T. Ferreira, County Commission-

er, C. C. Stephens, City Commissioner of Fernandina, and T. J. Corbett. They requested the Department to construct a new bridge across Amelia River in place of the present bridge, and suggested that the present bridge might be used to advantage in some other location, possibly on Heckscher Drive.

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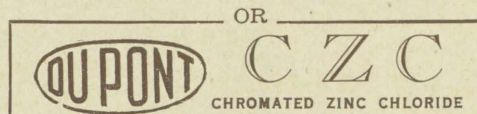
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Palm Beach County

A. A. Poston, Chairman, and C. Y. Byrd and Doyle Crocker, Members of the Board of County Commissioners, and Henry Lilienthal, County Attorney, appeared in behalf of Palm Beach County, and filed the following requests:

1. Furnish right of way survey on U. S. No. 1, State Road No. 4, in order that the county may start to acquire the necessary land.
2. Rebuild and repair State Road No. 140, especially that portion from Town of Gulf Stream to Boynton Beach.
3. Rebuild, maintain and improve State Road No. 199 from Hillsborough Canal to West Palm Beach Canal.
4. Repair and redeck bridge over West Palm Beach Canal on Dixie Highway between Lake Worth and West Palm Beach.
5. Resurface Road No. 174 (Lucerne Avenue extended) from Lake Worth to Military Trail.
6. Maintain and improve old Dixie Highway north from Delray to Boynton, approximately four and one-half miles.
7. Take over Boca Raton Bridge, Special Road and Bridge District No. 7, for maint.
8. Construct and maintain access road to Boca Raton air base, Proj. DA-WR 21, Rd. 341.
9. Assist in completion of Boca Raton West Road, State Road No. 395, from St. Rd. 4 to St. Rd. 199 (SRD to furnish oil in co-operation with the county).
10. Rebuild, improve and maintain State Rd. 25 from South Bay to Hendry County line.
11. Rebuild, repair and maintain St. Rd. 162 from Belle Glade to Lake Okeechobee.
12. Improve and maintain Connor's Highway east from Canal Point.
13. Rebuild, improve and maintain St. Rd. 143 from Canal Point to Pahokee.

14. Build road from ice plant east to Connor's Highway at Pahokee.

15. Rebuild, maintain and improve road from Ice Plant to State Market at Pahokee.

Mr. Poston also filed a report from the Palm Beach County Resources Development Board Road Committee, which he stated was in line with the County's request, with probably a few additions and requested the Board's consideration.

Mr. Byrd stated that when the Army took over the Boca Raton Airport they cut off a very good farm road and the County had built a by-pass road around the airport by putting down some rock. He asked the Department to help out with the oil for this road, which would cost approximately \$4,500. He asked the Department to go forward with Road 199, and urged the survey on U. S. No. 1 between West Palm Beach and Miami as soon as possible, so the county may obtain the right of way before costs become excessive.

CLAIM OF JOHN E. BALLENGER, CONTRACTOR PROJECT 5002—ROAD 164—HENDRY COUNTY

On motion of Mr. Townsend, seconded by Mr. Ward, the claim of John E. Ballenger, Contractor on Project 5002, Road 164, Hendry County, in the amount of \$5,281.83, was approved and ordered paid, with understanding that statement of full and complete satisfaction would be obtained.

THE DREDGE "ORIENTE"

On motion of Mr. Townsend, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, it was agreed to suspend the work on which the Dredge "Oriente" has been engaged and place the dredge in storage in the State slip at Miami. Reason for this action was the present manpower shortage, including induction of the dredge Captain into military service.

CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF 1944 BUDGET

The tentative budget of construction and maintenance and the estimate of resources

for the year 1944 were placed before the members for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Townsend, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed Budget of Construction, Maintenance and Betterment work for the year 1944, in the words and figures following, to-wit:

be and the same is hereby adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman be and he is hereby authorized and directed to have published in one newspaper in each of the cities of Pensacola, Jacksonville, Orlando, Tampa and Miami, the said proposed Budget of Work and Estimate of Resources, together with a notice of the time and place when and at which the Department will hold the public hearing, at which time and place it will hear all complaints and suggestions offered by the public as to any changes in said budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman be and he is hereby directed to furnish to each clerk of the circuit court of the State, two copies of said budget of work, together with notice of the public hearing above referred to, in accordance with the provisions of Section 1, Chapter 9312, Acts of 1923.

DATE AND PLACE OF BUDGET HEARING MEETING

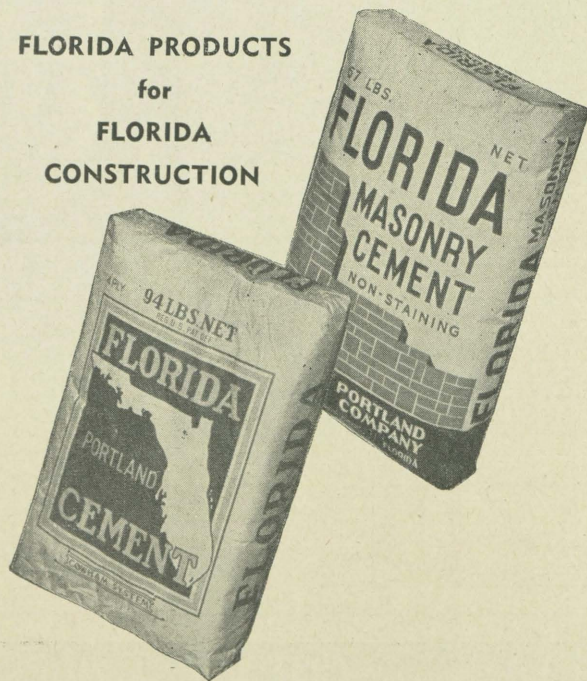
On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Mr. Ward, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Department does hereby fix Ocala, Florida, as the place where, and February 28, 1944, as the time when the Department will hold public hearing on the budget, at which time and place it will hear all complaints and suggestions offered by the public as to any changes in said budget in accordance with the provisions of Section 1, Chapter 9312, Acts of 1923.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Townsend, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, the meeting was adjourned.

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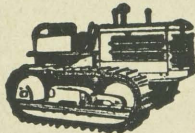
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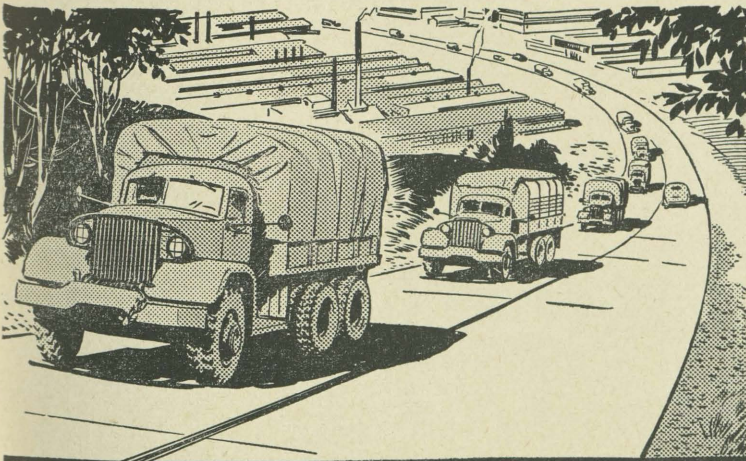
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